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ATLANTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA members Jordon Li, violin II principal, left, and Anusha Satturu, second from left, join Wompatuck Senior Orchestra members Kathleen Almand, second from right, and second violin principal Elizabeth Markesich, right, during a recent joint concert.
Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman

Senior And Youth Orchestras Hit The High Notes At Joint Concert

By TOM GORMAN

Music filled the air of the sanctuary of a Weymouth church as generations of local musicians performed

various instrumental selections ranging from past centuries to the present.

The Quincy-based Atlantic Youth Orchestra and

the Wompatuck Senior Orchestra of Hingham performed a first-ever joint concert at the East Weymouth Congregational Church on

Sunday, Jan. 28 before some 40 people of all ages. The program, "Let's Dance," featured dance music from

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JAYDEN LI plays his cello during the Atlantic Youth Orchestra's joint concert with the Wompatuck Senior Orchestra.

QPS Addressing Chronic Absenteeism

By SCOTT JACKSON

School administrators recently outlined their work to address chronic absenteeism among students, including steps to encourage attendance and ways students can make up for lost time.

"Students cannot learn unless they're present," said Supt. Kevin Mulvey, "so it is extremely important to do everything we can do to make sure our students get to school and to help our

students, in particular students that have problems with attendance, to do as much as we possibly can to get them to school so they can learn."

Erin Perkins, the district's assistant superintendent, Maura Papile, the district's senior director of student support services, and Michael Marani, the district's director of curriculum, provided an update on

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Presidential Primary March 5

By SCOTT JACKSON

Voters in Quincy and across Massachusetts will head to the polls on March 5 to cast ballots in the presidential primary. Voters will also have the option to cast their ballots early, both in-person and by mail, in the lead up to the primary.

The Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties will each hold a primary election on that day in Mas-

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sachusetts.

A total of 17 states and territories, including California and Texas, will hold presidential primaries on March 5, also known as Super Tuesday. About one-third of delegates for both

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Lunar New Year Festival Sunday At NQHS

The 36th annual Lunar New Year Festival will be held Sunday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., North Quincy.

The festival is presented by Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.

The Lion Dance Ceremony will commence at 12 noon.

The festival will also feature cultural performances, arts and crafts, Asian food and drink and God of Fortune, Magician.

Admission is free and free parking is available at the school.

The festival will celebrate the Year of the Dragon. The Dragon is the fifth of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar.

Presenting sponsor is South Cove Community Health Center. Diamond sponsors are FoxRock and the City of Quincy.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts Celebrates 75 Years of Service at 25th Annual Big Night

Quincy's Sheila White Honored With James J. Pallotta Award

On Feb. 3, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBBSEM) celebrated the power of youth mentoring at the agency's 25th annual Big Night at the MGM Music Hall. The event paid tribute to the nonprofit

it's 75th anniversary of supporting youth with caring adult mentors across the region and featured historical nods to the seven decades of service. Guests danced the night away to music by headliner Billy Idol and special guests Flo Rida and Boston's own French Lick. The event raised more than \$2.2 million to support the organization's year-round community, site-based and campus-based programs.

Mark O'Donnell, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts, spoke at the event and walked guests through the evolution of the nonprofit over the past 75 years.

"This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is celebrating the nonprofit's 75th year of service across the region - that's a big deal," O'Donnell said. "Our secret to such longevity has been our ability to meet youth,

families, and our adult volunteers where they are and provide programming tailored to meet their needs in real time. Currently, we are in need of more male identifying volunteers, as well as volunteers that speak different languages, to help create transformative relationships with deserving youth."

During the event, Sheila White of Quincy was honored with the James J. Pallotta Award, an award that represents leadership, partnership, and an unwavering passion to help young people achieve their fullest potential. She expressed gratitude for BBBSEM as she shared more on her experience as a grandmother raising her six grandchildren with help from volunteer adult mentors in the organization's signature community-based program.

Big Night is the nonprofit's largest annual fundraiser. Since its inception in 1998, the event has raised



SHEILA WHITE of Quincy accepts the James J. Pallotta award from Mark O'Donnell, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts at the agency's 25th annual Big Night at the MGM Music Hall Feb. 3. From left to right: BBBSEM President and CEO Mark O'Donnell, James J. Pallotta Award recipient Sheila White, and her six grandchildren with their Bigs/mentors. Photo Credit: ZJay Photography

more than \$42 million to support one-to-one friendships between young people and adult mentors across the region.

"Mentorship can make a monumental impact on a child's life," says O'Donnell. "We rely heavily on the revenue that comes from special events like Big Night to continue running our programs. We need the

public's support and partnership as we continue serving as many youth and families as possible."

In 2024, BBBSEM celebrates 75 years as the state's leading one-to-one mentoring program for youth. The nonprofit partners with families to provide children with one-to-one relationships with caring adult mentors who help them reach

their fullest potential. Over the past seven decades, BBBSEM has supported more than 25,000 youth. By 2028, the nonprofit aims to expand its reach to serve 10,000 youth in 150 communities statewide.

For more information, to become a volunteer or to register your children, visit: www.emassbigs.org.

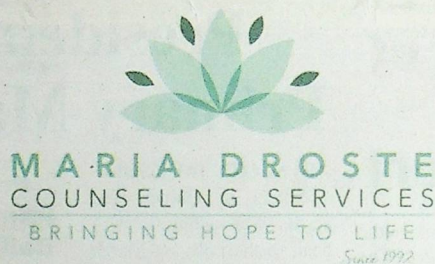
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Koch 'Intrigued' By Municipal Reform Bill

By SCOTT JACKSON

During a recent interview, Mayor Thomas Koch said he found some of the items included within a municipal reform bill introduced by Gov. Maura Healey to be intriguing.

In addition, Koch said he expects his budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year to be a lean one.

Healey's office described the Municipal Reform Act, introduced in January, as "a package of municipal reforms to help cities and towns generate the resources they need to maintain and deliver vital services, streamline operations and attract talented workers to

local government." Among other provisions, the bill would allow communities to increase the local option meals and hotel taxes, create a new local motor vehicle excise surcharge option, and make reforms to the state's procurement law, also known as Chapter 30B.

Koch said he was in the process of reviewing the governor's proposal, but found some of the items to be intriguing.

"I'm actually reviewing it now with some of my staff. There is some stuff in there that's very intriguing, but it still has to get through the legislature, so that's a

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TROOP 6 Boy Scout members Jimmy Rheault, left, and Jack Leuchte, right, serve their Pretzels Patrol chili at the recent Houghs Neck Chili Cook-Off. More cook-off coverage in the Feb. 22 issue of The Quincy Sun. Quincy Sun photo/Tom Gorman

Maria Droste Counseling Services Receives \$50,000 Grant

Maria Droste Counseling Services, Inc. (MDCS) announced they received a \$50,000 grant from the Boston Foundation in support of their mission to provide mental health counseling and holistic therapies that are compassion-based and affordable to all in need.

"This grant will allow us to provide continued access to affordable and compassionate care, especially when the demand for mental health services continues to rise," Executive Director Michael Shanahan said. This past year, MDCS held 6,745 counseling sessions, with 91% of clients served receiving a reduced fee.

Maria Droste Counseling Services was founded in 1992 in Quincy, with the goal of making mental health affordable and ac-

cessible by targeting people who otherwise might not receive mental health services. Today, MDCS serves all of Massachusetts with its professional and compassion-based in-person and teletherapy counseling and holistic services. Client testimonials point to the impact Maria Droste has had on the community. One client left a note stating, "You have made a tremendous difference in my life, and I don't know where I'd be without the support I receive here!"

"MDCS meets critical needs for thousands of people in Greater Boston," said Orlando Watkins, Vice President and Chief Program Officer at the Boston Foundation. "At a time when we all know the trauma that the pandemic and post-pandemic periods have in-

flicted on people throughout the region, we are pleased to be able to partner with MDCS to support their mission through our Safety Net

Grants program."

Funds for this grant come from the Boston Foundation's Fund for Boston's Future, an endowed pool

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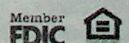
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Moments in time

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• On Feb. 26, 1917, the Original Dixieland Jass (later Jazz) Band recorded "Livery Stable Blues," the world's first jazz record, for the Victor Talking Machine Company in New York. That same year, the group also made the first appearance of a jazz band in a motion picture, a silent film titled "The Good for Nothing."

• On Feb. 27, 1938, a new mascot design was created by Chris Klein and C. Karnstadt for use by the Pontiac car brand, in the form of an Indian maiden. The theme was inspired by connections with the General Motors war chief who was employed in the GM manufacturing division.

• On Feb. 28, 1983, the final episode of "M*A*S*H," a series about the staff of an Army hospital during the Korean War, titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," became the most-watched television episode in U.S. history, with an estimated 106 million American viewers.

• On Feb. 29, 2012, Davy Jones, a former teen idol and singer for The Monkees, died of a heart attack at the age of 66. Jones starred with his bandmates in a popular TV series and a few other shows during his career, later returning to his first passion of horses and becoming a jockey.

• On March 1, 2008, Britain's Prince Harry, who had been sent secretly to Afghanistan with his regiment in December at his request, was forced to return to Britain after the American website the Drudge Report made his deployment public.

• On March 2, 1969, the supersonic airliner and joint British/French project Concorde set off on its maiden flight, reaching 10,000 feet and 300 mph. It would be another seven years before the plane began commercial flights, which continued until 2003, when it was retired from service.

• On March 3, 2005, Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a plane solo and nonstop around the globe without refueling, landing his Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer in Salina, Kansas, after a 67-hour journey. Two years later, he would disappear while flying over the Great Basin Desert, with his wrecked aircraft discovered in 2008.

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The Garden Bug
The lotus flower

The lotus plant can grow as tall as 6 feet in lakes and large ponds, while miniature varieties grow happily in a free-standing bowl on your patio. It needs 6 hours of direct sunlight each day in order to flower. Do not place it in flowing water or in a fountain; if it is grown in a pot or bowl, do not allow it to freeze. The lotus has been used for millennia as a symbol of beauty, resilience, and transformation in architectural motifs, artwork, textiles and religious settings.

— Brenda Weaver

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Financial Focus: What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?

It's almost that time of year when many people start receiving their tax refunds. If you get one, what will you do with it?

Of course, the answer will depend somewhat on how big your refund is. Last year, the average refund amount was about \$2,750, according to the Internal Revenue Service's Filing Season Statistics report.

Whatever the size of your refund, you'll want to maximize its benefit. Here are a few suggestions:

• **Contribute to your IRA.** If you were to receive about \$2,750, it would go a long way toward funding your IRA for the year — but any amount would help. You still have until April 15 to contribute to your IRA for the 2023 tax year, but if you've already "maxed out" on it, you could use your refund for 2024, when the annual contribution limit for a traditional and Roth IRA is \$7,000, or \$8,000 if you're 50 or older. And by getting an early start toward

fully funding your IRA for the year, you can reduce the pressure of having to come up with large amounts later.

• **Build an emergency fund.** Your tax refund could help you start or expand an emergency fund. It's a good idea to keep up to six months' worth of living expenses in such a fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account, separate from the funds you use for your daily expenses. You might need to draw on this fund for unexpected expenses, such as a major home or car repair or a medical bill that's not fully covered by your insurance. Without such an emergency fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your IRA or other retirement accounts to pay for these types of costs, and such a move could be expensive, resulting in taxes, penalties and lost opportunities for growth.

• **Contribute to a 529 plan.** If you have children or grandchildren and you'd like to help them further

their education someday, you might consider investing in a 529 education savings plan. With a 529 plan, earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. Based on where you live, your 529 plan may provide state tax benefits, too. (It is possible, though, that 529 withdrawals could affect financial aid packages, depending on who owns the account.) A 529 plan can be used to help pay for college, accredited trade school programs, some K-12 expenses and even to help repay some student loans.

• **Pay down debts.** Most of us probably wish we could reduce our debt loads. Your tax refund may give you a chance to do just that. But which debts should you tackle first? You could follow the "snowball" method by paying off the smallest of your loans or debts as quickly as possible. Or you could choose the "avalanche" route by making minimum



MARIE O'RIORDAN KELLY

payments on all debts and using extra funds — such as your tax refund — to pay off the debts that carry the highest interest rates. Either method could help you save money in the long term.

Your tax refund can be a valuable asset — so use it wisely.

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Koch 'Intrigued' By Municipal Reform Bill

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big if," Koch said. "But yeah, there are some things in there — it allows you to go up a little on the hotel tax, it allows you to go up a little on the meals tax. It gives municipalities some more tools to meet some of the challenges."

"One of the definitely easier ones to me is the change in Chapter 30B on the procurement by raising that number to \$100,000 on the level of type of bidding you have to do. Today, a dollar doesn't go very far at all. It sounds like a lot of money, and it is, but \$100,000 in the scheme of \$400 something odd million budget is not that big. So, some of the changes I think are automatic. They're easy."

"I think it's good to give cities and towns some options because of what's happening," the mayor added. "We've experienced pretty good new growth in Quincy, but if you look at cities and

towns across the commonwealth, most people are up against the limit on [Proposition] 2 1/2, so they've got nowhere to go for revenue to help fund government. Fortunately, we're not in that position. My guess is reading this, a lot of this is really made for the towns that are up against it."

Koch said it was too soon to say whether he would support increasing the local option taxes if the bill were to be approved.

"I don't know yet," he said. "We're talking about minuscule numbers percentage wise, but when you add it up it's significant in dollars for the cities and towns. We're going to take a close look at it."

City Council approval would likely be needed before those local option taxes could be increased, the mayor stated.

During the same interview, Koch said the city's municipal finance team was in the process of putting to

gether the framework of the budget for fiscal year 2025, which begins on July 1.

"I have instructed my municipal finance team to begin to put the framework together for it," he said. "I will be meeting with my department heads within the next couple weeks to discuss the parameters of the budget."

When he meets with the department heads in the near future, Koch said he plans to tell them to keep the budget lean.

"It's going to be essentially that we're going to be lean, that we're seeing revenues off at the state level, the economy nationally is still questionable depending on which economist you read — some are soft landing, some are saying we're in for a recession — so we're just trying to be careful and prepared," the mayor responded when asked about his message to department heads.

Major additions to the

budget, like new police or firefighters, are not foreseen at the moment.

"I don't think there will be a change in number on personnel," Koch said. "I mean, there is always a possibility you could tweak something here or there, but overall it will be status quo."

Koch said he is concerned about decreases in state revenue, which in January led Healey to make several spending cuts, but the city can weather the potential fallout.

"Of course, we're always concerned, but I understand it too. This stuff is all cyclical. I've been through it before," Koch said. "The state had some pretty big funding last year and they shared it with cities and towns — we got a big jump on Chapter 70. If their numbers are off, or down I should say, chances are our local aid is going to be a little flatter. It's not rocket science. I've been through this and we know how to prepare for it."

Library To Host New Bi-Monthly Book Clubs

The Thomas Crane Public Library, in partnership with Wollaston Library, announce two new bi-monthly book clubs.

The clubs, the Rush Hour Reading Group and the Banned Books Club, will meet bi-monthly to discuss selected readings.

Rush Hour Reading Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Classroom, Main Library, 40 Washington St.

The Rush Hour Reading

Group will be reading and discussing "Walkable City" by Jeff Speck to explore how transportation impacts communities.

The group is partnering with Quincyycles, a group of Quincy residents advocating for bicycle infrastructure within the city, for this discussion series. Participants will discuss transportation equity, multimodal access and change within the transportation system. The group will also debate how the

built environment does or does not provide safety and connection.

A limited number of copies will be available for pickup at the Main Library Circulation Desk.

The Banned Books Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wollaston Library, 41 Beale St.

The Banned Books Club will be reading and discussing "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-

Time" by Mark Haddon. This book group will feature frequently challenged and banned books. Every fourth Wednesday of the month, the group will meet and discuss a book that has been challenged by libraries and other institutions across the United States.

Copies of the book will be available at the Wollaston Library

These events are free to attend and no registration is required.

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1952 real photo postcard view of the Parking Way entrance to Remick's of Quincy, the pre-eminent department store in what was known then as "Shopperstown USA." Located at 1517 Hancock St., this 1897 building was first known as the Music Hall until Remick's Bros. was moved here in 1904. Remick's Bros., owned by Frank and Albert Remick, was a men's clothing store first opened in 1896. In 1930, after the founders had died, the next generation Frank Remick took over the business. He expanded the store many times over the years to include departments of every sort with fine furnishings for men, women and children, rivaling the

best stores in Boston. Everyone loved to get a gift in a box from Remick's, even if it was only a necktie or a pair of nylons. A few of the favorite features of the store were the animated Christmas display windows along Hancock Street and the Serendipity gift shop in the windows of the back lower level shown here. Many of his loyal long-service and popular employees became familiar names to hundreds of people in Quincy and the South Shore. After 92 years the renowned Remick's of Quincy was closed in 1987.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1975
49 Years Ago

Surging Trend Toward Apartment Construction

Quincy residents and members of the City Planning Department met Wednesday to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a surging trend toward apartment construction in Quincy.

Figures disclosed at a Multi-Family Housing Conference at the Lincoln-Hancock School showed:

- A net gain of only 13 single-family homes in Quincy in a four-year period from January, 1970 to December, 1974.
- A gain of 125 apartment buildings with a total of 5,632 units in a 10-year period from 1964 to 1974.

Mayor Walter J. Hannon, addressing those attending the all-day conference in the school's cafetorium, urged residents to carefully consider both sides of an issue about which he said, "everyone seems to have strong feelings." The mayor said:

"There is something to be said on both sides. The points and problems raised cannot be ignored or treated lightly. This is where our role becomes very important. You know the problems and you know the benefits. Express yourself. But be open minded. Be willing to listen."

A total of 114 building permits for single family house construction were issued during January, 1970 through December, 1974. Yet, over that same period, 101 permits for demolition of single family homes were issued, leaving a net gain of only 13 homes.

Ten of the 125 apartments built since 1964 were specifically designed for senior citizens. They contain a total of 1,817 units, representing an average of 182 units per building. The other 115 apartments are privately owned, containing a total of 3,815 units with an average size of 36 units per building.

The mayor said some residents call apartment housing "the best thing which has happened to the city" while others contend apartments are wielding "a detrimental effect on their neighborhoods."

QUINCY POLICE OFFICERS AMONG 3,000 AT WESTWOOD PATROLMAN'S FUNERAL

An estimated 3,000 police officers including 34 from Quincy attended the funeral of slain Westwood Patrolman William E. Sheehan. The funeral Mass took place in St. Margaret Mary Church, Westwood.

Sheehan, a 57-year-old veteran of the Westwood Police Department, was shot and killed Feb. 11 when he and his partner stopped their cruiser on Canton Street, Westwood, to investigate a parked car.

Holder of Westwood Police Badge No 1, Sheehan was the first officer of that community to die in the line of duty.

QUINCYISMS

The Quincy Sun will move from its current location at 1601 Hancock St. into its new home at 1372 Hancock St. on Feb. 27. It was the paper's first street-floor location since the Sun was established Sept. 26, 1968. . . **Cong. James Burke** announced the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Quincy. The funds will be used to acquire 2.34 acres as an addition to the existing 7.5 acre Mound Street Beach located near Follett Street, Quincy Point. . . A total of 3,363 Quincy Junior College students began spring semester last month, the largest enrollment in the college's seven-year history. . . **Airman First Class John B. McCourt**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCourt of Bird Street, Houghs Neck, recently helped launch a U.S. Air Force Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenberg AFB, Calif. . . **William Mitchell**, author of the winning slogan in Quincy Heritage's recent contest, stuck the first sticker carrying his slogan - "Adams To Atoms" - on the car of Mayor Walter Hannon. . . A dozen jumbo eggs were selling for 89 cents at Kryanis' Fruit Market, 27A Beale St. . . **Mrs. Emily Rand** of Brockton, formerly of Quincy, recently received greetings from President Gerald Ford, marking the celebration of her 85th birthday. . . **Edward Monti** of A. Monti Granite Co., West Quincy, will display a landscaped granite garden at the silver anniversary of the New England Home at the Hynes Veterans Auditorium in Boston. . . **Archbishop Fulton Sheen** of New York came to Quincy to help commemorate the 350th anniversary of Quincy's founding, and the 135th birthday of St. Mary's Church in West Quincy. He delivered the sermon at a Concelebrated Mass at the church. . . **Marine PFC Gail M. Abbott**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Abbott of Amesbury Street, reported for duty at Camp Butler Marine Corps Base, Okinawa. . . **Nancy Smith**, 13, of Haviland Street, Wollaston, an eighth grader at Central Junior High School, won first place in the Massachusetts Elks Association State Hoop Shoot Contest in Fitchburg. . . Ray Shanhan-Pontiac in Randolph advertised a fully-equipped, low-mileage 974 Dodge Monaco for \$3,252. . . **Alice Faiella** rolled a 315 with strings of 104, 114 and 97 to take over first place in the Sparrows Bowling League with a 98.2 average.

Eagle Scout Candidate Seeks Support For Project

Hello,

My name is Robert Mbrace and I am an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 42 Quincy. I am also currently a junior at Quincy High School.

For my Eagle Scout Project, I plan on revitalizing and rehabilitating Freedom Park on Thomas Burgin Parkway in partnership with the Quincy Department of Natural Resources.

For me personally, as a Scout, I will be focusing an important portion of my project on a section of the park with a memorial stone dedicated to the Fuller Brothers. John and Buell Fuller were a pair of twins from Quincy who dedicated their lives to Scouting in the City. They spent most of their lives helping Scouts attend campouts, meetings and leadership trainings. They also spent much of their time increasing accessibility to scouting for scouts with disabilities. Their formation of a troop in Squantum was a testament to their commitment, as it was one of the first Troops to cater to scouts with special needs and other disabilities.

I also plan on dedicating one of the benches facing the Fuller Brothers memorial to Mr. Dan Munkley whom unfortunately we lost about a year ago. Dan Munkley was a lifelong Scouter who dedicated his life to helping the youth of Pack & Troop 42 (and other Troops) achieve their best.

The scope of my project includes removing trash, install-

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ing edging, trimming back brush, reseeding grass, placing mulch, installing a trash can, renovating the Fuller Brothers' memorial stone, repairing benches, cleaning statues and planting trees. In general making the park more accessible and enjoyable. The impact of this project to the local community would be significant.

Revitalizing Freedom Park would become a cornerstone in the West Quincy community, allowing more residents to utilize the space, and enjoy one of Quincy's many wonderful parks.

My goal is to execute the project on March 16th, 2024. I am asking for the community's help for donations to fund this project. Donations will cover the cost of materials, equipment and supplies, all in order to make this project successful, and elevating Freedom Park.

Please make checks payable to Quincy Friends of Scouting at 21 Puritan Dr., Quincy, MA, 02169. In the memo section please indicate it as, "For Robert's Project".

Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Scouting,

Robert Mbrace

Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 42 Quincy

Salvation Army Grateful For Red Kettle Support

It is with the most heartfelt gratitude that The Salvation Army of Massachusetts thanks all those who contributed to the 2023 Red Kettle Campaign. Throughout the holidays your donations, regardless of size, contributed to aiding so many families throughout Massachusetts. The Salvation Army of Massachusetts raised more than \$2 million to help families and those in need with food, clothing, housing assistance and more this holiday season.

That speaks volumes about the extraordinary generosity of spirit found across the Commonwealth, which has made so many lives a little bit easier.

However, many families are still struggling and unable to meet the most basic needs. Inflation, housing costs, and day-to-day challenges continue to take their toll. Salvation Army programming, funded by generous donations, provides rent and utility assistance, food, and creates pathways out of poverty.

The Salvation Army of Massachusetts is committed to meeting those needs in 2024. Each of the 29 Corps Community Centers and more than 220 Service Extension Units across the state strive to aid as many people as possible, and they need your continued support to do so. With the generosity of your donations, 2024 could be The Salvation Army's best year ever.

We look forward to continuing to do the most good. Most importantly, we hope you all stay safe, happy and healthy this year.

To learn more about Salvation Army programming or to donate, please visit: www.salvationarmyma.org/give.

Sincerely,

Major Elijah Kahn, General Secretary,
The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division

The Salvation Army annually helps 24 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at over 7,000 centers of operation around the country. During times of disaster, 100 percent of designated donations to The Salvation Army are used for immediate response and long-term efforts. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit SalvationArmyMA.org. Follow us on X @SalvationArmyMA and #DoingTheMostGood.



ATLANTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA violinist Athena Spirito Calderon acknowledges applause at a recent joint concert with the Wompatuck Senior Orchestra.



SUSAN BILL conducts the joint concert of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra and Wompatuck Senior Orchestra.

Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman

Senior, Youth Orchestras Hit The High Notes At Joint Concert

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throughout the ages.

Among the selections played included the overture to Amadis de Gaule composed by Johann Christian Bach in the 1700s, Robert Frost's "Grand Fanfare and Processional," the "Can-Can" by Jacques Offenbach, and "Shipping up to Boston" by the Dropkick Murphys.

Susan Bill of Weymouth, founder of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra, conducted the concert. It was the first time she waved the baton before the Wompatuck Senior Orchestra. She serves as music director of both groups and was pleased with the success of the joint concert.

"I was really happy with the results, and I'd love to do it again," said Bill. "That was my debut as conductor of the WSO (Wompatuck Senior Orchestra), so we are all getting used to one another."

The Atlantic Youth Orchestra was formed in 2009 and is comprised of nearly 20 young musicians from around the South Shore, mainly from Quincy, Braintree, and Milton.

"The age range of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra members is determined by the length of time that they've been studying their instrument," Bill said. "Most players at the moment are in late elementary and middle school, but I have some high schoolers, and adult beginners are always welcome. They attend public and private schools and no school at all."

Since its inception, the youth orchestra has performed at least one concert every year. During the COVID 19 pandemic shutdown, concerts were held virtually.

Bell explained that the

repertoire varies depending on the young musicians' talents.

"The level of difficulty of the repertoire is determined by the level of expertise of the combination of players," she said. "Like any activity for young people, the personnel changes every year as the older students graduate and younger students come in. I try to strike a balance of classical music, Broadway tunes, pop songs from various eras, and more recent selections, even including music from video games. I believe that there is educational content in practically any piece of music that we play together as an ensemble."

Members pay no fee to participate but are required to maintain good attendance and are expected to "practice their parts at home before coming to rehearsal."

"String students are invited to audition after a year of study, or the private teacher may recommend the student for membership," said Bill.

Rehearsals are held at Christ Church in Quincy Center and concerts are held at various locations including Christ Church, Atria at Marina Bay assisted living, and St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church in Wollaston. Bill added that her ensemble has performed during Quincy's annual Porchfest "where we have performed most often on the porch of Attorney George Burke."

The Wompatuck Senior Orchestra features retired and professional musicians, currently through their 70s. According to viola player Marie Hoitt, its longest member, the orchestra got its start on the campus of Massasoit Community College nearly 50 years ago.



ATLANTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA cellist Qing Li performs.



ATLANTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA members Jordon Li, violin II principal, left, and Anusha Satturu, right, perform during the joint concert with the Wompatuck Senior Orchestra.

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Salute A Cen't Anni! Lilia DeVincentis Turns 100

Lilia DeVincentis will celebrate her 100th birthday Friday, Feb. 16. She was born Lilita Gizzarelli in 1924, in Torre Dei Passeri, Italy.

Lilia married John DeVincentis in 1947 after World War II. Together, they immigrated to America from Italy and settled in Quincy, Massachusetts, where she lived for 75 years.

A short time after arriving in Quincy, Lilia and Johnnie opened Johnnie the Tailor on Revere Road in downtown Quincy Square. Johnnie's was the go-to tailor in the city for over 35 years.

Lilia's joy for life came from providing a warm and loving home with home-cooked Italian dishes for her family to enjoy.

Lilia is known for her impeccable sense of style, love for shopping, and ability to find the perfect item at a fraction of the price. Living in Quincy, Lilia became an expert at public transportation, especially the red line, which took her to her favorite shopping spot,



LILIA DEVINCENTIS turns 100 years young Friday, Feb. 16.

Filene's basement, and gave her access to all that Boston has to offer.

Together, Lilia and her husband raised three children in Quincy. Linda, Guy, and Sandra. She is also

blessed to be "Nonna" to six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For Lilia, it's been 100 years full of love, family, and blessings. Salute a Cen't Anni!

Library Hosts Author, Reporter Ted Reinstein Feb. 15

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host author and reporter Ted Reinstein Thursday, Feb. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy.

Reinstein will discuss his new book "Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier." The book tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball, from communist newspaper reporters to the Pullman car porters who saw to it that Black newspapers espousing integration in professional sports reached the

homes of Blacks throughout the country.

The event is free to attend and no registration is required.

Reinstein has been a reporter for "Chronicle," WCVB-TV/Boston's nightly news magazine since 1997. He has also been a contributor to the station's political roundtable show

and sits on WCVB's Editorial Board.

Reinstein is also the author of "New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories" and "Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds."

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Library.

Two Quincy Residents Graduate Georgia Institute Of Technology

Two residents of Quincy recently graduated from the Georgia Institute of Tech-

nology in Atlanta.

The graduates are: Jing Chen and Alan Gao.

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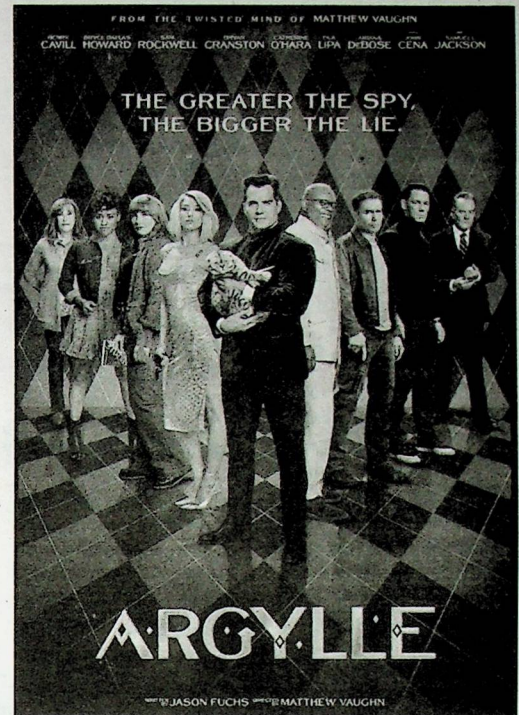
Movie Review: 'Argylle'

By BOB GARVER

As much as I enjoyed the fun, exciting trailers for "Argylle" that made excellent use of the film's eclectic cast, there was one element that told me the movie was in serious trouble. Amongst shots of the cat belonging to spy novelist Elly Conway (Bryce Dallas Howard), onscreen text insisted that, "Once you know the secret, don't let the cat out of the bag." In other words, there's a big twist in this movie.

It's not worrying that this spy movie has a big twist, given the genre it would be weird if it didn't. It's worrying that the movie needs to advertise itself like that, putting so much emphasis on the twist that it can't possibly live up to the hype. Aside from the fact that announcing the twist ahead of time kills the element of surprise, the film is also basically saying that what you see in early stages is untrustworthy, since the twist is going to turn everything on its head eventually. Sure enough, the twist is laughable and killed the investment I had in the movie up to that point. I won't go into spoilers, but nothing made me regret my questioning of the advertising tactics.

Elly Conway writes spy novels about Agent Argylle (Henry Cavill). Other characters include his sidekick (John Cena), his techie (Ariana DeBose), and his nemesis (Dua Lipa). The trailers made no secret that these characters are all fictional(ish), but they did exaggerate how much the four actors are in the movie. Elly soon finds out, via real spy Aiden (Sam Rockwell), that what she has written corresponds to actual events in the world of international espionage. She has written about things that have actually happened, and may be able to write about things that are going to happen. Some powerful people want to know what Elly's going to write next, including Aiden's boss (Samuel L. Jackson) and evil agency-



runner Ritter (Bryan Cranston). Even Elly's mother (Catherine O'Hara) is dying to know, but that's probably just gentle motherly goading, or is it? Either way, this is a lousy time for Elly to develop a sudden case of writer's block.

The confusing nature of the movie's reality makes for a confused tone, which makes for confused actors and confused performances. Cranston, in particular, doesn't seem to know when to play things straight or over the top, so he settles for an off-putting middle ground. Howard, to her credit, is giving a proper blockbuster performance, it's just a shame this movie is doing so poorly that it will never achieve blockbuster status.

I liked some of the action scenes. The hot opener, set within the world of Argylle, is quite crisp. Two late-in-the-movie shootouts, one with bright colors, one covered in black, indicate that this movie isn't entirely ruined by its script. But those sequences are maybe 19 combined minutes in a movie with a 139-minute runtime. The other two hours are devoted to a convoluted

story that made me squirm with impatience. Not to get to a big reveal, mind you, just for the movie to be over.

There's a better movie out right now where the protagonist is an author and the action occasionally blends their writing with reality. "American Fiction" is enjoying a nice little bump at the box office thanks to its recent Best Picture Oscar nomination. That movie follows a Black writer (Jeffrey Wright) who, in the margins between drama in his personal life, sarcastically submits a racially-degrading manuscript that turns into a surprise bestseller. The jokes about well-meaning-but-insensitive white people get stale eventually, but it's still a much smarter and more engaging movie than "Argylle."

"Argylle": C-
"American Fiction": B-
"Argylle" is rated PG-13 for strong violence and action and some strong language. Its running time is 139 minutes.

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City Of Quincy Presidents' Day Winterfest Monday

On Monday, Feb. 19, Mayor Thomas Koch and the City of Quincy will host Presidents Day Winterfest 2024, a family-friendly holiday event.

The afternoon and early evening activities will take place from 1 to 7 p.m. in and around the Hancock Adams Common, 1305 Hancock St., under a heated tent as well as inside Quincy City Hall and United First Parish Church ("Church of the Presidents").

All events are free to the public and will include ice sculpture demonstrations, fire performances, educational shows, bands and more. Visit quincyma.gov and the City of Quincy's Facebook page for a full schedule of events.

More information about

Winterfest also appears on Page 36 in this issue of *The Quincy Sun*.

Some shows require free tickets to reserve your space in advance including Lolipop Lyra Aerialist, Dino-man Dinosaurs Show, Blue Hills Trailside Museum - Birds of Prey, Blue Hills Trailside Museum - Reptiles of Massachusetts and Pumpernickel Puppets Show.

Visit the Game Tent between the Church of the Presidents and City Hall from noon to 1 p.m. on the day of the event to secure your tickets. Patrons are welcome to reserve up to 4 tickets per family per each themed show to allow multiple families to have access to each event.

Food for purchase will be available from Craig's Café

including chili, clam chowder, adult and kids beverages. What's Up, Cupcake will have dessert for sale.

The Quincy Art Association's QArts Gallery, located at 1229 Hancock St. near the Hancock Adams Common, will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. for visitors. Visit <https://www.quincyma.org> for more information on their exhibits and programs.

The Skating Rink at the Generals Park will also be open on Monday, February 19 for free skating. Visit Quincyrec.com for details and sign-up information.

For more information on this and upcoming events, follow the City of Quincy across social media and visit the City's website at quincyma.gov.

Extended Hours, Educational Programs At N.E. Aquarium During February School Vacation Week

For February school vacation week, the New England Aquarium is ready to host guests with animal encounters, a new café menu, films on the largest screen in New England, opportunities to get involved in advocacy efforts, and more.

The Aquarium will extend its hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from Feb. 19-23 when Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine public school students have vacation weeks. Guests are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance at neaq.org, as timed ticket slots may sell out. Highlights for the week include:

Daily presentations and behind-the-scenes opportunities

- Aquarium guests can enjoy daily presentations with the penguins, sea lions, and harbor seals, along with the residents of the Giant Ocean Tank. Full schedule available here.

- The Aquarium is also offering special encounters with its resident Atlantic harbor seals for an additional fee. The daily programs provide guests with an exclusive inside-the-exhibit experience and the opportunity to interact with and learn more about these marine mammals. Guests can also register for an art-making session, where they will receive a one-of-a-kind painting made by a seal during their visit. More information and pricing here.

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Sea turtle advocacy programming

- During school vacation week, the New England Aquarium will offer visitors an opportunity to help protect endangered sea turtles. Guests are encouraged to stop by the Blue Planet Action Center during their visit to learn more about the Aquarium's sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation program and write to their members of Congress to encourage their support of these critical conservation efforts. The station will be active from February 19 to 23 and is an exciting chance to contribute to the collective work to protect these endangered animals.

Meet the Aquarium's newest residents

- Toward the end of 2023, the Aquarium welcomed two California sea lions, Gio and Farley. The 15-year-old sea lions are now permanent residents in the Aquarium's New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center, and join three other California sea lions: Zoe, Sierra, and Tipper. Daily presentations have returned to the Marine Mammal Center at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., when visitors can see the sea lions interacting with their trainers.

- The Aquarium also recently welcomed a nurse shark, Cirri, to its Giant Ocean Tank, continuing a decades-long commitment

of caring for and protecting shark species. The 3.5-foot, 22-pound shark joins Myrtle, the Aquarium's famous green sea turtle, cownose rays, eels, and hundreds of colorful reef fish in the Caribbean coral reef exhibit.

Simons Theatre films

- The Aquarium's Simons Theatre is now showing *ARCTIC: Our Frozen Planet*, a 45-minute documentary filmed on a scale never attempted before. The film captures a year-long adventure across the seasons in the Arctic—and the subsequent impact our changing climate has had on it. Tickets and show times are available at all Aquarium ticketing locations by calling 617-973-5206 or by visiting neaq.org. Also showing are *Blue Whales: Return of the Giants 3D*, *Great White Shark 3D*, *Incredible Predators 3D*, and *Secrets of the Sea 3D*.

Elevated Café Offerings

- Whether visitors are looking for a full meal or a quick bite, the cuisine at the Aquarium is elevated in a fresh, exciting way that features sustainably sourced ingredients, thanks to a new partnership with Sodexo Live! The café now features diverse choices, including healthy dishes as well as favorites from the grill, all aimed at an inviting and environmentally-friendly dining atmosphere, along with visitor education around sustainable initiatives.

WHAT'S COOKING

with
Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



The Easy Coconut Pie Recipe

By MARIE

Did you ever want something sweet that would whip up in very little time?

Well today's recipe for Coconut Pie is just that. I got this recipe back in the 1990s and made it often over the years.

Prepare a pie plate by lightly greasing – Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Directions and Ingredients:

1 cup of shredded coconut and about 3 extra tablespoons of coconut for pie topping

**¾ cup sugar
½ cup of Bisquick
4 eggs**

**½ stick butter, melted
1 teaspoon of vanilla
4 eggs, beaten**

In a bowl, combine all ingredients together until well blended.

Once blended, pour into the prepared pie plate and make sure batter is spread evenly. Top with the 3 extra tablespoons of coconut.

Bake at 350 degrees about 40 minutes or until top of pie is golden brown and toothpick test comes out clean.

Let cool for at least 1 hour before cutting.

This pie can be topped with ice cream, or whipped cream or anything you can imagine!

Veggie Chili

By SUZIE

Here is a yummy vegetarian chili recipe that is loaded with vegetables and has a couple of unique ingredients: raw cacao powder and maple syrup.

These two ingredients together create a richness in veggie chili that it is many times lacking. Think of mole sauces that use cocoa powder and tomato/spices.

You won't miss the meat in this recipe. This tastes better made ahead of time because the flavors even get more intense. You may need to add a bit more salt to this, depending on how you like it. Enjoy!

VEGGIE CHILI

**1 tablespoon cumin
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon raw cacao powder
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 chopped onion
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 ½ cups diced mushrooms (any kind will do, I like baby bella)
1 zucchini, diced
1 diced sweet potato
Two 15-ounce cans of black beans, rinsed
One 15-ounce can of kidney beans, rinsed**

**One 14-ounce can of crushed tomatoes
2 tablespoon tomato paste
1 red pepper, chopped
3-4 cups veggie broth
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 teaspoon sea salt
2 cups baby spinach**

Chopped Diced avocado (optional)
Fresh cilantro (optional) but makes it so much better!!!

Saute olive oil, onion, pepper, zucchini, and mushrooms over medium heat for about 5 minutes.

Add garlic and stir.

Now add sea salt, cumin, and chili powder and saute a bit more then throw in 3 cups of broth and paste.

Simmer for a few minutes, then add in everything else except the spinach, cilantro, and avocado.

Cover and cook on low, until potato is tender. At this point, you may need to add a bit more broth.

Cook about 30 minutes. Stir in spinach and cook until wilted. Garnish with avocado and cilantro.

Adult Board Game Night At Wollaston Library

The Thomas Crane Public Library invited the public to its monthly Adult Board Game Night at the Wollaston Library, located at 41 Beale Street, on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There are different games available every month. If you're a board game fan, join us to try out a new game. If you haven't played a board game since

you were a kid, join us too! Games will be appropriate for adult players and rules and help are provided. Bring some friends and get gaming!

A range of games will be available, from worker placement games like *Everdell* and *Fallout Shelter*, to co-op mysteries like *Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective* and *Obscurio*, to deckbuilders like *Fort*, to

word games like *So Clover*. Looking for what games might be available? Check here. If you see something you'd like to play, call the Wollaston Library at 617-376-1300 x9 before 4 p.m. on the day of the event to make sure it will be available.

Questions? Call the Wollaston Library at 617-376-1300 x9.

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Social Security Matters

How Is My Social Security Benefit Calculated?

By RUSSELL GLOOR
National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I appreciate your recent article dispelling the myth that politicians have stolen Social Security money. As a CPA, I dispel this myth repeatedly to clients who falsely claim SS funds have been raided. But another thing I deal with often is how SS benefits are calculated. I know the formula for determining each person's benefit amount is complex, but I have had to explain numerous times that those who put the most into Social Security get the lowest rate of return and those who put the least in get the highest return based on the way the benefit formula is structured. I get tired of people complaining that monthly Social Security payments are higher for retired doctors and other highly paid individuals. Can you please explain how Social Security is weighted in favor of lower income workers? **Signed: Tired of the Misunderstandings**

Dear Tired: Please don't be frustrated. Because of the program's complexity, Social Security is prone to misunderstanding, and educating the misinformed is an important professional duty we share. Here's how each person's SS benefit is determined:

The first thing to know is that each person's SS retirement benefit is not based on their financial contributions to the program. Social Security's purpose is to provide a benefit which replaces a portion of the person's pre-retirement income, so the SS benefit is based on actual lifetime earnings, not on the payroll taxes withheld from those earnings.

Social Security has your lifetime earnings record (obtained annually from the IRS) and that record determines your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." Your "PIA" is initially determined in your eligibility year (usually age 62) and is the amount you will get if you claim for benefits to start exactly at your full retirement age (FRA).

To develop your PIA, Social Security first adjusts (indexes) each year of your lifetime earnings (up to the annual payroll tax cap) to account for inflation. They then select the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you earned the most, from which they compute your average monthly earnings over your lifetime (this is called your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, or "AIME"). They then break your AIME into three segments, the first of which includes a majority of - and possibly all of - your AIME. They then take a percentage of each segment and total those three amounts to determine your PIA. The first segment is the largest and 90% of that first segment contributes most of your PIA. Smaller percentages of the other two segments (32% and 15% respectively if your AIME is higher), are then added to the first computation to arrive at your full PIA - the amount you get if you start benefits in the month you reach your FRA. Note that since most of the PIA comes from the first large segment of each person's AIME, lower income workers get a higher percentage of their lifetime average monthly amount.

Since benefits are based on earnings, those with lower lifetime earnings do, indeed, get a smaller benefit than those with higher average lifetime earnings, but the percentage of pre-retirement replacement income lower income workers receive is higher than for those with higher monthly average lifetime earnings. The Social Security benefit for lower income workers is typically about 40% of their pre-retirement average monthly income, while those with higher lifetime average earnings may get a benefit as little as 20% of their average monthly pre-retirement earnings. In that sense, the Social Security benefit formula is progressive and weighted in favor of lower income workers. Nevertheless, albeit a smaller replacement percentage, higher income workers receive a higher monthly SS benefit because of their higher lifetime earnings. Even so, those higher earners did, indeed, contribute more payroll taxes from their higher earnings.

So, each person's SS retirement benefit amount is a percentage of their pre-retirement income. Coincidentally, those with higher pre-retirement income also contributed more to the Social Security program than did those with lower earnings. But their higher SS benefit amount is based on their higher pre-retirement earnings, not on payroll taxes paid from those higher earnings.

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Library Virtual Events In February

The Thomas Crane Public Library announces the following virtual events for February.

Enjoy book talks and Q&A's from the comfort of your own home! Registration is required for each online event in order to receive the Zoom links. Visit the Crane Library website to register.

"The Globemakers: The Curious Story of an Ancient Craft" with Peter Bellerby (Online)
Thursday, Feb. 22, 2-3 P.M.

Join Peter Bellerby, founder of Bellerby & Co. Globemakers, in this visual tour through the history of Globemaking, how it almost became a lost art, and how he is bringing it back, one beautiful hand painted globe at a time.

An Evening with Romance Authors Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne & Denise Williams (Online)
Monday, Feb. 26, 7-8 P.M.

The public is invited to join this online panel featuring romance authors Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne, and Denise Williams who will discuss their latest romance novels in this

unforgettable panel discussion followed by audience Q&A.

"A True Account: Hannah Masury's Sojourn Amongst the Pirates Written by Herself" (Online)
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7-8 P.M.

Chat with author Katherine Howe about her latest release, "A True Account: Hannah Masury's Sojourn Amongst the Pirates, Written by Herself" as well as her collaborative book with Anderson Cooper, her YA books, and her journey to becoming a bestselling author.

The Economic Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine (Online)
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7-8 P.M.

Author and professor Christine Abely will discuss her brand new book, "The Russia Sanctions: The Economic Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine." Learn about the international trade measures and sanctions deployed against Russia in response to its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Registration online. Visit the Crane Public Library website for more information.

Quincy Center Restaurant Rebranding

The Townshend To Reopen As Dotty's Kitchen

By SCOTT JACKSON

The owner of The Townshend in Quincy Center plans to open a new restaurant in the same space within the coming weeks.

The Board of License Commissioners on Feb. 6 approved the request of Cellar Door Inc. to change the doing business as name on its all alcoholic beverages from The Townshend to Dotty's Kitchen. The restaurant is located within Presidents Place at 1250 Hancock St.

Devin Adams, who owned The Townshend for nearly a decade, told the board he had renewed his lease for the space for 10 years and was in the midst of renovating it.

"We re-signed with Related Beal next door for another ten years. We were able to have them give us a little bit of money to renovate, so we're going to bring in new floors...change some of the seating arrangements there," Adams said. "The bar stays where it is. The doors stay where they are. Nothing structural or anything like that."

Adams said the renovations would be finished within two or two and a half weeks of the licensing board hearing. Once open, Dotty's Kitchen will feature a menu similar to The Townshend's, with more of an emphasis on seafood.

"We're adjusting the menu a little bit," Adams said. "There will be a raw bar and we'll have a little bit more dedication towards seafood, but for the most part business as usual."

Adams was optimistic the new restaurant would be open seven days a week.

"Mondays we have been closed, but we are going to try to reopen seven days a week as we get moving," he said.

In other business on Feb. 6, the licensing board approved the request of Quincy Market LLC d/b/a

Quincy Vape and Lottery for the transfer of the retail beer and wine license presently held by Grace Eng LLC d/b/a Andres for the premises located at 20 Brook St. in Wollaston. Safia Jamil will be the manager of the new store.

Attorney Robert Fleming said Eng, the previous owner of the store, had done a great job but was planning to move on.

"I had represented Grace Eng when she first acquired the beer and wine license a number of years ago," Fleming said. "Grace has done a great job, but her and her husband decided to move on and get somebody younger to continue this particular business at this location."

Jamil currently owns two other businesses, one

in Marlborough and one in Walpole, Fleming said, and her family owns a total of eleven businesses.

In other business, the board:

- Granted the city of Quincy's request for a special-use permit and one-day liquor license for the annual Presidents Day Winterfest, which will be held on Monday, Feb. 19, in and around the Hancock Adams Common at 1305 Hancock St. from 1 to 7 p.m. The event will feature a number of family friendly activities. Craig's Café will be selling chowder and chili during the festival, as well as adult and kids' beverages.

- Granted the request of The Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS for a special-use permit for its

annual Squirrel Run on Saturday, June 8. The event has raised more than \$1 million for the Angel Fund for ALS Research over the past 26 years. Lou Tozzi said this year's event would include a five-kilometer race instead of the five-mile race included in previous years.

- Granted the request of Panethnic Pourovers, 184 West Squantum St., for a special-use permit and one-day liquor license for a Valentine's Paint & Sip Event scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14.

- Granted the request of MJNR Inc. d/b/a Coops Bar and Grille, 520 Washington St., for a cabaret license. Michael Polvere said the cabaret license would allow the bar to offer live music, like an acoustic guitar player, on weekends.

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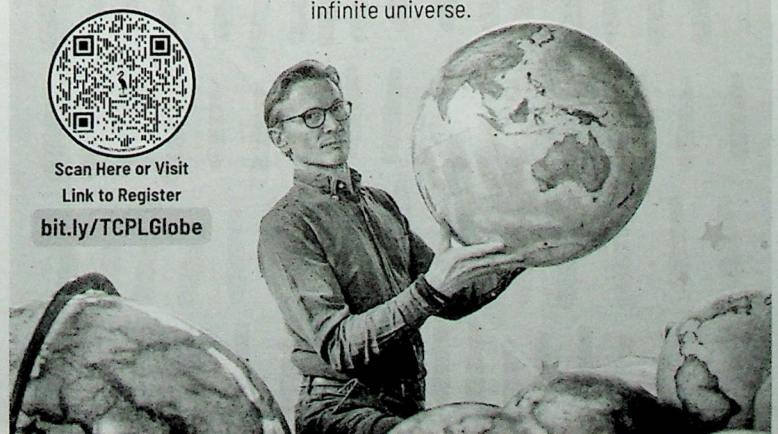
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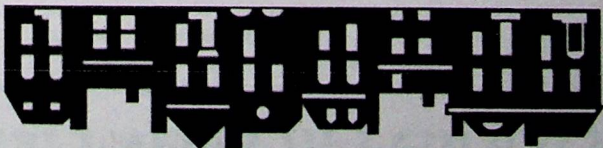
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GOOD DEEDS: Quiz In Honor Of Presidents' Day

By WILLIAM O'DONNELL
Register of Deeds
Norfolk County

One of the many prominent reasons that Norfolk County is considered a destination community to live and work can be attributed to its rich history. It is one of the oldest counties, founded in 1793, in the United States just five years after George Washington became president.

Talking about presidents, did you know that Presidents' Day is Monday, Feb. 19th? And that Norfolk County is known as the County of Presidents? That's right, four Presidents of the United States of America were born here: John Adams and John Quincy Adams (Branftice or Quincy depending on what community you are from), John F. Kennedy (Brookline), and George H.W. Bush (Milton).

So, I thought a great way to salute these four Norfolk County Presidents was to know a little bit more about each of them. This is a fun quiz, so everybody gets an immediate after graduation from high school, and was the recipient of multiple medals at the age of 20.

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FOUR U.S. PRESIDENTS were born in Norfolk County. Top row left to right: John Adams and John Quincy Adams; bottom from (left to right) John F. Kennedy and George Bush.

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January 2024 Property Sales Increase In Norfolk County

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings in January 2024 show a slight increase in the total number of documents recorded, in January 2024. This was 1 percent more than in January 2023 and a 6 percent decrease compared to December 2023.

"It is too early to draw any definitive conclusions, but it is good to see a post-commercial and residential 2024, which reflects both year-over-year increase may suggest that the prospects of lower mortgage interest rates are bringing buyers to the table early."

The average sale price of commercial and residential properties in the average property sales price, O'Donnell said. "Unfortunately, when the mortgage recording trend in mortgage recordings has significantly slowed, but total recordings are still lower than last year, likely because those who locked in lower mortgage interest rates in 2020 and 2021 are less likely to refinance at current rates," O'Donnell said.

For the month of January, lending activity overall showed the smallest decline in months, with a total of 957 mortgages recorded, down only 4 percent from January of last year and 15 percent less than last month. "The decreasing trend in mortgage recordings has significantly slowed, but total recordings are still lower than last year, likely because those who locked in lower mortgage interest rates in 2020 and 2021 are less likely to refinance at current rates," O'Donnell said.

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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds continues to closely monitor the foreclosure market. In January 2024, there were 11 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in

Design For New Quincy Center Station Underway

By SCOTT JACKSON

The design for the new Quincy Center MBTA station could be finalized this spring, Mayor Thomas Koch said in a recent interview. The city is also in the process of finding a location in the downtown for a new performing arts center.

The Quincy Center station first opened in 1971 and is served by the Red Line and Commuter Rail and is also the hub for buses in the city and surrounding communities. The station was formerly home to an 870-car parking garage, which was closed abruptly in 2012 because of concerns over its structural integrity and has since been demolished.

In the recent interview, Koch, who is also a member of the MBTA's board of directors, said the transit agency is working on a de-

sign for the new station.

"A new station is under design by the MBTA. The legislature put some money aside a couple years ago as you know and now with all the T has had on their plate – and they've had a lot on their plate, as we know – with a little prodding they are now seriously coming up with a design," he said.

The MBTA had previously awarded development rights to the 6.3-acre station site to two firms, Atlantic Development of Hingham and Maryland-based Bozzuto Development, the same companies behind the mixed-use development at the North Quincy station. Koch said the developers could not begin work on the project until the MBTA figured out plans for the station.

"They put an RFP out a

number of years ago, they had developers respond, they designated a developer, but then the rub was they thought there would be a couple of improvements a developer could make to the station. Well, this is not a \$1 billion development where the developer can absorb a \$100 million working on improvements," Koch said. "So that was quickly learned, and the developer says I can't do much until the T figures out what their needs are, where their headways want to be and all that sort of thing. So, that's got to happen first. So the design, serious design, is now underway."

"We know a couple of things out of that," Koch continued. "For example, I've talked about it, the busway is going to move from this side (on Hancock

Street) to the Burgin Parkway side, so the infrastructure for all that will change, and I think they'll get all of the buses out of the weather and free up this side. It gets a little congested down here. You've got a four-lane road with Burgin, so that's kind of an obvious one that everyone is in favor of.

"But the actual other parts of the station design – what do you need, how many elevators, escalators, the power that it's going to need, they need an upgrade on the power system here, where should that be located, is the entrance the same. They're not so much interested in parking there, but we are to help serve the general needs of Quincy Center, so how big should that garage be? Well, that depends on the development, so what's the developer say-

ing? Is it commercial? Is it residential? Is it a combination? And the market keeps changing on all these things. The design will continue to move forward and we're going to get a new designation out on a developer in the next six months."

Atlantic Development, which is also working on plans for a mixed-use development on General McConville Way elsewhere in Quincy Center that would include a specialty grocer, remains in the mix for the MBTA station site, Koch added, while Bozzuto may not be involved in the development.

The mayor was optimistic the design would be finalized in the coming months.

"I hope the final design is done by late spring and then we can begin to move

forward in earnest, get construction documents and get underway," he said.

In his inaugural address in January, Koch said he wanted to break ground on a performing arts center in the downtown in 2025 as part of the Quincy 400 initiative, which will celebrate the quadricentennial of Quincy's settlement in 1625. In the recent interview, Koch said the city is looking at possible locations in the downtown for that performing arts center.

"Everything in the downtown is in play right now," he said. "The goal is to have all the due diligence done, make a decision, have everything in place to get in the ground during 2025 during obviously the celebration year of the 400th."

As part of the plan to

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build the performing arts center, Koch said members of his team are in the process of looking at other facilities in New England and talking to people involved in the industry. It is too early to say what the price tag for the performing arts center will be, he said.

"It's something that the people of Quincy really want based on all the surveys we did, so my guess is there will be a public component of paying for this with hope there will also be some sponsorships, donations, however you want to word it, toward it as well," Koch said.

The mayor had previ-

ously said the performing arts center could be built on the city owned parking lot at 1565 Hancock St., commonly referred to as the Messina Lot. The concept included a 14- or 15-story building with the performing arts center on the lower floors and 350 residential units on the upper floors.

In the recent interview, Koch said that concept is "out right now."

"I would say that's out right now. The way the economy has moved and the interest rates have moved, I don't see that right now. It could be a standalone facility. It still could be part of something else as well, but it's not going to be that one

we first talked about," he said.

Sam Slater, a developer who is also a co-owner of the NHL's Seattle Kraken, had been linked to the previous plan for the Messina Lot as well as plans for a new mixed-use building at 1469 Hancock St., presently home to the Adams Arcade. The mayor said Slater remains involved in the proposal to redevelop the site 1469 Hancock St., but not the Messina Lot.

"He is not attached to this project. He is attached to the Arcade building project. This one is one we explored with him. There was never a commitment made nor was there an LDA done

with him, so that Messina Lot is still a city-owned parcel we continue to watch and monitor," Koch said. "We want obviously the best use for that site that would maximize its location, using the density, making sure that we're getting good tax dollars out of it."

Elsewhere in Quincy Center, Koch had previously floated plans to build a 14- or 15-story building on the site of the Munroe Building at 1227 Hancock St. to house both Quincy College and the municipal offices currently located inside the glass city hall annex building. After City Councillors balked at borrowing \$23 million to buy the Munroe

Building, a nearby parking lot, and to design the new facility, Koch acquired the two properties in 2021 using \$15 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds.

In the recent interview, Koch said discussions regarding the future of the city-owned Quincy College remain ongoing.

"This past year we – I say we, meaning the city and the college – had an outside company come in, do some analysis on the college, on its viability, what's working and what isn't, what we should be doing. And the college is a lot more healthier now than it was a few years ago, and I certainly give credit to Dr. DeCristo-

faro and the board as well as the employees over there. But we have an uptick in enrollment over there, and that's a good sign," he said.

"So, before we go down that road completely, we wanted to make sure the college was going to continue to be viable. We've been watching the state funding as well for public colleges and stuff. I think we're in a good place. We're going to have those discussions over the next several months."

The mayor said it is possible a proposal for the site could be unveiled later this year.

"Anything is possible," he said. "Sure it's possible. Of course."

Quincy College, QPS Celebrate Early College High School Success

At a symposium celebrating the third successful year of the Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway program – an innovative partnership between Quincy College and Quincy Public Schools – President Dr. Richard DeCristofaro presented each of the 91 high school seniors currently enrolled in the program with a one-year, full-tuition scholarship to Quincy College.

ECHS, a first-of-its-kind program in this region, is designed to break down barriers that are preventing students from setting post-secondary plans and to attain college credit before they graduate. It now serves 240 Quincy High and North

Quincy High School students in grades 10 through 12 who tend to be first-generation, from low-income families, are English language learners, and/or have disabilities. Those enrolled in the program earn college credit by taking a sequence of college courses taught by Quincy Public Schools instructors as a way to provide students the opportunity to experience post-secondary education while still in high school.

ECHS Pathway courses are aligned with Quincy College courses, and College faculty collaborates with the high school instructors to ensure that the courses are delivered as a college course would be.

ECHS Pathway students are supported by a dedicated ECHS Pathway Counselor, Academic Coach and College Transition Coach throughout their time in the program.

"When our high school students have an opportunity to get a head start on a college education, it represents a win for the entire community," said Dr. DeCristofaro. "Thanks to the generous continued support of the State Street Foundation, ECHS Pathway offers participating students a combination of academic and non-academic support, ongoing guidance, and college readiness techniques essential to their future success. In three short years,

ECHS Pathway has proven its value to more than 500 city students, and we look forward to welcoming many of this year's ECHS Pathway seniors as first-year Quincy College students in the fall."

For the second consecutive year, major ECHS Pathway funding has been provided in the form of a significant grant from the State Street Foundation. That support includes covering the cost of all student expenses as well as funding for two high school guidance counselors and two Quincy College "transition coaches" with responsibility for program implementation and oversight.

"State Street Foundation is thrilled to provide the opportunity for so many students to see themselves as college-ready and college-bound," said Joan Christel, President of the Foundation and State's Street's Senior Vice President of Global Human Resources and Corporate Citizenship. "We appreciate and value the

incredible potential of the Early College High School Pathway program and the opportunities that it provides to increasing numbers of Quincy Public Schools' students."

Granite Telecommunications, HarborOne Bank and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have contributed additional financial support to the program.

"I am extremely proud of Quincy's Early College High School Pathway program, which provides our high school students with the incredible opportunity to expand their academic horizons by earning up to 22 Quincy College credits prior to graduating high school," said Kevin Mulvey, JD, Superintendent of Quincy Public Schools. "Special thanks to Quincy College, a lead partner of the Quincy School-Community Partnership, for providing this educational opportunity."

As part of the collaborative celebration symposium, held at the Boston Marriott

Quincy, current ECHS Pathway students participate in a series of grade-specific breakout sessions featuring interactive discussions between students, professional staff and – for the first time this year – program alumni. ECHS Pathway teachers also attend their own separate breakout session focused on evaluating key elements of the program and engaging in continuous improvement strategies.

In its third year, the ECHS Pathway program has experienced impressive growth. The 240 students participating this academic year represents a 60 percent increase over the enrollment total in the program's first year. Demographically, this year's program includes 105 first-generation students, 137 who are from families designated as low income, and 44 who are special education students. More than 68 percent of this year's ECHS Pathway students are Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Multi-race/Non-Hispanic.



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Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. People of all blood types – especially type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals – and platelet donors are needed daily to ensure blood products are available for hospitals at a moment's notice.

A blood drive is scheduled in Quincy on Monday, Feb. 26 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Quincy Sons of Italy Social Center, 120 Quarry St.

As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives and the ability to provide critical blood products to hospitals.

While thousands of donors have answered the call to donate in recent weeks to combat a significant drop in the blood supply, more donors are needed now to ensure the blood supply remains ready for those in need of lifesaving medical procedures.

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Quincy Public Schools Addressing Chronic Absenteeism

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chronic absenteeism to the School Committee on Feb. 7. The school board spent more than 90 minutes on the topic that evening.

The state considers a student to be chronically absent if they miss at least 10 percent of days they are enrolled during the school year – for example a student who misses 18 out of the 180 days in a typical year – regardless of whether the absences were excused or not, Perkins said. During the 2022-23 school year, nearly 25 percent of Massachusetts students missed 18 or more days of school.

Last school year in Quincy, 14.9 percent of all students in grades 1 through 8 were considered chronically absent, down from 17 percent the previous year. In those grades, 4.3 of Asian students were chronically absent, as were 22.2 percent of African American/black students, 33.3 percent of Hispanic/Latino students, 18.5 percent of white students, and 23.6 percent of multi-racial students.

Among the district's high school students, 26.2 percent were considered chronically absent last school year, down from 30.9 percent from the prior school year. Among high schoolers, 8 percent of Asian students were chronically absent, as were 42.8 percent of African American/black students, 51.1 percent of Hispanic/Latino students, 32.1 percent of white students, and

42.4 percent of multi-racial students.

The district hopes to reduce chronic absenteeism in grades 1 through 8 another two percentage points and in grades 9 through 12 another three percentage points this year compared to the previous year's numbers.

"In order to address chronic absenteeism in Quincy...we have taken this on as a district goal," Perkins said. "For the 23-24 school year, we will all be participating, and have been participating, in a district wide initiative to reduce chronic absenteeism."

Each of the city's public schools has been asked to implement a school-wide campaign to promote attendance and highlight the importance of students being in the classroom, Perkins said. The initiative also includes early interventions for students who are starting to show signs of chronic absenteeism, specific individual interventions for students having the most trouble getting to school, and targeted interventions for identified subgroups of students struggling with attendance.

All five of the city's middle school are participating in a program in partnership with the Boston Celtics and Arbella Insurance Foundation that promotes attendance. Perkins played a short video in which Celtics stars Jaylen Brown, Jrue Holiday and Al Horford, among others, told the students how important it is for them to be at school.

Students who have perfect attendance will be invited to a year-end celebration and other items, like Celtics gear, are given out each month.

"You can imagine this is a big hit with the middle school students," Perkins said. "They have really enjoyed participating in this."

Each of the middle schools has its own initiatives to encourage attendance on top of the Celtics program, Perkins said. Aliza Schneller, the principal of Atlantic Middle School, gives out a trophy to the homeroom that has the best attendance each month, for example.

At the elementary level, Montclair has a Learner, Engagement, Attendance and Partnership (LEAP) Team to monitor attendance, which includes a "pleasant partner" who can reach out to families when they see blips in attendance to offer support – Perkins said each of the district's schools has an attendance team, though their names may differ. As another example, students with perfect attendance for a semester were recognized during the morning announcements at Atherton Hough.

The high schools create individual support plans for students that need them and also connect families with the district's family liaisons to offer guidance and resources if needed. The high schools also offer monthly raffles, with various criteria to make them more acces-

sible, with prizes like gift cards to the school store, prom tickets, and yearbooks.

If a student has four unexcused absences, the school principal sends a letter to that student's family, said Papile, the student support services director. The letter, which follows state guidelines, cites the state law relative to school attendance, identifies the number of days the student has missed unexcused, was tardy or dismissed early, asks if medical documentation for those absences or late days is available, and stresses the importance of being in school.

"We do have to state the law – this is why you're getting this letter – but really it is to start a conversation about is there something happening, do you need some help," Papile said.

The attendance letter is considered a tier two intervention – tier one interventions are those initiatives that take place school- or district-wide. Other potential tier two interventions include creating a check-in, check-out plan at school, changing course schedules, identifying barriers at school and at home, addressing learning issues and identifying interests and connections to increase positive experiences, among others. Attendance hearings also fall into that tier – the district held 172 of those in the 2022-23 school year and 110 of those so far this year.

The tier three interventions include family assistance conferences, which Papile said she attends along with the district's attendance supervisor, the school principal or guidance counselor, and representatives from juvenile probation and the Department of Children and Families.

"That can feel like a pretty intimidating meeting for a family to walk in, but it is part of the truancy prevention law – we have to do it," she said.

The district held 33 family assistance conferences in the 2022-23 school year and has held 14 so far this school year.

Marani, the district's curriculum coordinator, said officials are in the process putting together a program in which students can recover days they were absent.

The state's guidelines require those recovery days take place outside of the regular school day and include a minimum of four instructional hours per day, Marani said. The hours can-

not be cumulative, meaning that one hour after school for four days does not equal to one four-hour day, for example.

Marani said recovery days could be offered on Saturdays starting in March, Tuesday through Friday during April vacation, or early release days. The recovery days will include standalone modules to provide flexibility.

"We really wanted to focus on making sure each module was a standalone module and the reason for that is we wanted to create a program that offers as much flexibility for students as possible," Marani said.

"If there is a student who can only attend two of those four days (during April vacation), that's two days that student could potentially recover. We don't want them to lose that opportunity to earn those two if they can't attend all four."

Following the presentation, committee member Paul Bregoli asked if there is a point at which a student has missed so much time they could not move up a level, like from middle school to high school.

Perkins said that, whether the student is promoted or not, the goal is to figure out why they haven't been in school. That typically results in a referral to a special education program, like the district's PASS program or to an out-of-district program.

"We try really hard to work with that family and figure out what is getting in that student's way and then putting services in place that are going to hopefully help with whatever that issue is," she said.

Bregoli suggested the district see if the New England Revolution had a program in place like the one the Boston Celtics offer that could encourage attendance among Hispanic and Latino students.

"With our Hispanic and Latinos, I know we have the Celtics involved, but soccer is a worldwide game, it's their game, is there any consideration to partnering with the New England Revolution," he said.

Perkins said administrators could see if the Revolution did offer such programs.

Committee member Emily Lebo said needing perfect attendance to get invited to the year-end event offered as part of the Celtics program could be discouraging to students who missed a day early in

the year before the program was announced. Committee member Courtney Perdios said there are other ways for students to attend the year-end celebration that are not based upon attendance.

Committee member Kathryn Hubley asked Perkins if there were reasons why chronic absenteeism was higher among Hispanic/Latino students. Perkins said some students at the high school level may be working during the day, which is why the district is now providing an English learning component to the evening high school program. Other students may have enrolled in the district at a later age and are less engaged, Perkins added.

Hubley also asked if the district was over-incentivizing attendance to the point where students are coming to school at times they should be staying home while sick. Perkins said if parents are questioning whether to send their children to school, they should send them to school and then let the nurse decide. In certain cases, however, like with fever or vomiting, or when students have Covid-19 or the flu, they should not be going to school.

Committee member Douglas Gutro said he found the numbers concerning and asked if the district was doing anything different this year than in previous years to address chronic absenteeism. Perkins said it was important to remember that schools had spent the past several years telling students and families not to come to class while sick.

"Now we're completely flipping on a dime and saying, 'I know we told you if you have the sniffles stay home, but no, actually it's fine, we'll give you Kleenex,'" Perkins said.

"We have to get our kids back in school and we have to get them here consistently," she added. "We're here tonight because parents need to know this is a switch of a message, and we understand that, and we are going to work with you through that and our staff is going to work with you through that."

Committee Vice Chairperson Tina Cahill said addressing chronic absenteeism was no easy task.

"I don't envy you. I think you're doing amazing work and I know you think it's important," she said.

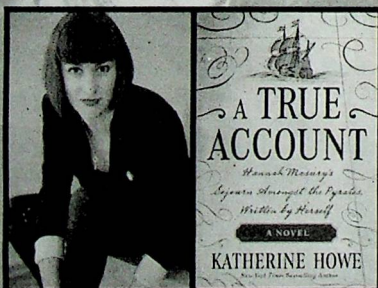
"It's super complicated, it's layered, it's cultural, it's family issues, it's mental health issues. The goal would be we hope we get it to like nothing and all the kids would attend, but it's probably a goal that's very difficult to reach because of all those other issues."

ZOOM EVENT

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February 28th, 7pm
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Phoebe Linnell On Dean's List

Phoebe Linnell of Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Auction To Benefit Students At Cardinal Cushing Centers

The 2024 St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction to benefit students with intellectual disabilities at Cardinal Cushing Centers in Hanover and Braintree will be held on Thursday, March 14th, at the Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy.

Sponsored by South Shore Bank, the event will raise money for the annual "Trip of a Lifetime" to Disney World for the schools' graduating classes, a long-standing tradition that is truly a highlight and milestone moment for the Cushing

students.

"We're honored to sponsor the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction and to play such an integral role in rewarding the graduating students for their accomplishments," said James Dunphy, CEO of South

Shore Bank.

"We invite the South Shore community to come enjoy a great evening, learn more about the great work being done at Cardinal Cushing Centers, and support a wonderful group of students."

The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner, silent auction, and a live auction which includes a Zulu Nya-la African photo safari. The safari is a six-day trip that comes with full room and board, as well as two viewing activities per day in the heart of South Africa's Zululand conservation region,

one of the richest conservation regions on the continent.

"We are so grateful for our continued partnership with South Shore Bank," said Cushing President & CEO, Michelle Markowitz. "We are thrilled to celebrate the many achievements of our students and raise funds to provide our graduates with the Trip of a Lifetime. We have the chance to create lasting memories for our students, while also offering the opportunity to practice life skills that come along with traveling. It is a wonderful representation of our

mission in action- all thanks to South Shore Bank, the dedicated committee members, and the guests who continue support this event. We look forward to another successful evening."

The event will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$100 each, and sponsorships are available. For information on tickets and sponsorships or to donate an auction item, visit www.cushingstpts.org or contact Pam Eddy at peddy@cushingcenters.org.

Person Rescued From Fore River Channel

By SCOTT JACKSON

A person was rescued after reportedly jumping from the Fore River Bridge Saturday afternoon, police said.

The Quincy Police Department received multiple 911 calls around 3:45 p.m. on Saturday reporting a person had jumped from the Fore River Bridge into the Fore River Channel below, the department said in a statement.

The department's marine unit located a person in the water near the bridge's fender system, the department said. The person was taken aboard the Quincy police boat Guardian and was

given immediate medical attention. The police boat was able to transfer the person to a nearby dock, where Brewster EMS treated the person before transporting them to Boston Medical Center. Police did not provide an update on the person's condition.

The water temperature at the time of Saturday's incident was approximately 38 degrees, police said.

The Quincy Fire Department, Braintree Police Department, State Police and Coast Guard all responded to the incident on Saturday, Quincy police said.

Six Quincy Students On Emmanuel Dean's List

Six students from Quincy have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Emmanuel College in Boston.

They are:

Mia Hurley, Bridget Keane, Theodora Zygouras, Melanie Tran, Anna Adams and Matthew Steffan.

AAA: Gasoline Prices Up Two Cents

Drivers across the Northeast are feeling some heartbreak at the pump this Valentine's Day week as prices continue to tick upward on seasonal trends and increasing demand.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is 2 cents higher than last week (\$3.14), averaging \$3.16 per gallon. Monday's price is 1 cent higher than a month ago (\$3.15), and 23 cents

lower than Feb. 12, 2023 (\$3.39). Massachusetts' average gas price is three cents lower than the national average.

"Higher oil prices, strong gasoline demand, and both routine and unexpected refinery maintenance are driving higher pump prices," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson for AAA Northeast. "Prices could continue climbing over the

next few weeks as refinery maintenance season puts an increased strain on supply."

AAA Northeast's Feb. 12 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be 5 cents higher than last week (\$3.14), averaging \$3.19 a gallon. Monday's national average price is 12 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.07) and is 22 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.41).

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

LARCENY, 12:29 a.m., low numbers of Phillips Street. Report and criminal complaint filed.

LARCENY (circuit box) 12:46 p.m., 100 block of Franklin Street. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFTER (detained), 1:20 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. One male detained with no I.D. Suspect identified and was trespassed by Loss Prevention. Sent on his way and advised.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 2:20 p.m., Creedon Field, 136 Newbury Ave. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (purse and credit cards), 5:39 p.m., 90 block of Washington Street. Case number provided, report to be filed.

SHOPLIFTER (detained), 6:43 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Female detained in Loss Prevention Office. Suspect identified, trespass issued and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT, 9:08 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 495 Southern Artery. Suspect issued a trespass and sent on the way.

DISORDER (rock thrown at car), 10:07 p.m., 360 block of Hancock Street. Caller left the area prior to officers' arrival. Nothing is showing in the area.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

DISORDER (customer/employee), 11:30 a.m., Hancock Liquors, 229 Quincy Ave. Male disorderly and refused medical services. Arrested for assault and battery on a police officer.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (scooter), 12:02 p.m., 80 block of Union Street. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 4:56 p.m., 80 block of Prospect Avenue. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (3 males), 5:29 p.m., Marsh and School Streets. Group of youths fighting. Peace restored. One youth driven home.

DISORDER (2 males), 5:45 p.m., Hancock Market, 1520 Hancock St. Sent on the way and advised. Peace restored.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

UNARMED ROBBERY (just occurred), 1:10 a.m., 170 block of Whitwell Street. Caller reports someone broke into her house and stole her keys. Report to be filed for unarmed robbery and unarmed assault/burglary.

DISORDER (car/youths), 12:22 p.m., 150 East How-

ard St. Dispute over payment for a haircut. Business was paid. Customer advised and sent on way. Peace restored.

ASSAULT DANGEROUS WEAPON (road rage), 1:12 p.m., 200 Crown Colony Dr. Caller reports another motorist flashed a gun during a road rage. Suspect located by officers on Burgin parkway near Star Market. The male operator was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon to wit a pellet gun. Report was filed.

DISORDER (in progress), 2:41 p.m., 130 block of Phillips Street. Dispute over parking. One person left prior to officers' arrival. Caller advised.

WORKING FIRE (car smoking), 5:38 p.m., 100 block of Common Street. Caller can see flames, QFD responding. Street closed temporarily for car fire. QFD extinguished and vehicle was towed.

SHOPLIFT (2 detained), 10:47 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Both suspects identified, issued trespass notices by the Loss Prevention officer, and sent on the way.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

DISORDER (dining hall), 6:42 a.m., Father Bill's, 39 Broad St. Brewster EMS staff reporting a disturbance in the dining room. Involved person was suspended by staff, advised and sent on way.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 9:24 a.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 330 Hancock St. Suspect fled. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (2 packages/past), 9:27 a.m., 100 block of Town Hill Street. Happened two days ago. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 2:51 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect fled. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (male detained), 3:21 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect detained. Identified, issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (male detained) 9:54 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect has no ID. Store retrieved items. Suspect identified and sent on the way.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

SHOPLIFT (taxi and suspect), 6:07 a.m., CVS Pharmacy/24 Hour 42 Beale St. Female suspect fled in a taxi. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 9:58 a.m., 30 block of Fayette Street. Happened overnight and caller believes cars were hit as well. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (3 tires slashed), 11:23 a.m., 20 block of Heron Road. Tires were not slashed someone just let the air out of them. Case number provided.

DISORDER (females yelling), 1:49 p.m., Kam Man

Food, 215 Quincy Ave. Females fighting in the parking lot about parking issue. Possible accident. No accident. Road rage in the parking lot. Peace restored. Advised and sent on the way.

UNARMED ROBBERY (tip jar stolen), 1:58 p.m., Gunther Tooties, 1253 Hancock St. Suspect identified charges to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 3:12 p.m., 70 block of Billings Road. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (with customer), 3:25 p.m., Sea Street Gas Service, 346 Sea St. Customer upset about the price of gas. Sent on way. Peace restored.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

WORKING FIRE (outdoor fire), 5:47 a.m., 31 Marginal Rd. QFD extinguished fire. Units clear.

LARCENY (past), 9:07 a.m., 40 block of South Street. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (just left), 12:04 p.m., Seven Eleven Store, 363 Hancock St. No shoplifting, disorder between two people. 7/11 employees advised to call back if they return.

DISORDER (females in store), 2:12 p.m., Dollar Tree, 100 Granite St. Females fighting inside the back of the store. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT (male and female), 5:45 p.m., TJ Maxx, 100 Granite St. Suspects fled. Case number provided, store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (male), 8:49 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 330 Hancock St. Male putting items in his backpack. Items returned to the store and male was issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (overnight), 5:59 a.m., 116 East Howard St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 10:15 a.m., CVS Pharmacy, 321 Quincy Shore Dr. Suspect fled up East Squantum Street. Store to handle. Case number given.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 3:28 p.m., 1000 Southern Artery. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (fence), 3:48 p.m., 60 block of Spring Street. Case number provided. Fence was struck, crash report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female), 4:52 p.m. CVS Pharmacy, 626 Southern Artery. Two suspects fled. Located behind Old Colony Liquors. Both trespassed from CVS, advised and sent on the way.

QHS Women's Athletic Hall Of Fame 2024 Inductees

The Quincy High School Women's Athletic Hall of Fame Committee announces the 2024 inductees to the Quincy High School Women's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Class of 2024 Inductees

- 1971 Karen Fruzzetti: Basketball, Softball and Track
- 1981 Nancy Chludzinski: Basketball and Soccer
- 1984 Christine Gallery: Volleyball
- 1985 Kathy McGregor: Volleyball and Basketball
- 1987 Terry Duggan: Basketball and Volleyball
- 1990 Randi Gaura: Volleyball
- 1991 Laura Novak: Track and Volleyball
- 1991 Jennifer Richmond: Basketball and Volleyball

- 1991 Melanie Sullivan: Basketball and Volleyball
- 1992 Amy Galman: Swimming
- 1995 Elizabeth Sawan: Track
- 1996 Kerri Connolly: Volleyball and Basketball
- 1998 Erin Barry: Volleyball, Basketball and Track
- 1998 Mary Chenette: Volleyball
- 2000 Colleen Nichol: Volleyball and Basketball

Special Recognition

- Coach Christine Prendiville
- 1982 Volleyball Team
- 1984 Volleyball Team

Congratulations to these amazing athletes, coach and teams who will be inducted on Friday, March 22nd at the Tirrell Room, 254 Quarry St. in Quincy. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or are looking for more information, please email Christine Barrett at christinebarrett@quincypublicschools.com. The cost is \$70 per person (checks may be made payable to Quincy High School and all tickets must be purchased by Thursday, March 9th).

Lastly, please visit the QHS Women's Athletic Hall of Fame website at <https://qhs.quincypublicschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=22802193&pageId=77047468>.

Quiz In Honor Of Presidents' Day

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A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

12.) He was the only president among the four not to attend Harvard.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

13.) Famed historian David McCullough won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W.

Bush

14.) He once said, "Read my lips: no new taxes."

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

15.) Daily, he read six newspapers at his morning breakfast.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

16.) He stated, "The four most miserable years in my life were my four years in the presidency."

A.) John Adams B.) John

Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

17.) He was the President during the reunification of Germany.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

18.) His administration was known as the "New Frontier."

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

19.) He was Secretary of State before his presidency and is considered a great

one.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

20.) This president and wife exchanged more than 1,100 letters from the time of their courtship to the end of his presidency.

A.) John Adams B.) John Quincy Adams C.) John F. Kennedy D.) George H.W. Bush

Answers: 1A, 2C, 3B, 4A, 5D, 6C, 7D, 8A, 9C, 10A, 11B, 12D, 13A, 14D, 15C, 16B, 17D, 18C, 19B, 20A.

January 2024 Property Sales Increase In Norfolk County

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Norfolk County, whereas in January 2023, there were 9 recorded. The total number of notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, increased from last year, going from 30 notices in January 2023 to 36 in January 2024.

"We all experience unforeseen events in our lives. Sometimes these events are beyond our control and can have a devastating impact on our finances. I would urge anyone struggling to pay their mortgage or who knows someone who is struggling to contact one

of the non-profit organizations listed on our website, www.norfolkdeeds.org," O'Donnell said.

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (617-770-2227) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

O'Donnell concluded: "It is good to see that January 2024 has started out on a positive trajectory for the real estate market in Norfolk County. We will need to wait and see if this trend continues in the coming months, but it is certainly a promising start."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/norfolkdeeds. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at [@norfolkdeeds](https://twitter.com/norfolkdeeds).

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is

the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

Residents in need of assistance can call the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

OBITUARY

Charline Tinkham, 73

Charline Tinkham, 73, of Quincy, died Feb. 10, 2024 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth following a period of declining health. She was the daughter of the late Clifford and Anna Tinkham.

Raised in Quincy, Charline competed in many beauty contests in her youth including the Quincy Bay Race Week beauty pageant and was once crowned "Miss South Shore." She loved animals and supported various animal causes over the years. She was also a very talented gardener, receiving the Good Neighbor award from the City of Quincy for her efforts in tending to the many beautiful flower gardens she maintained around her home.

She was a long-time member of the Quincy Point Congregational Church.

Charline worked in State Treasury Department for the Commonwealth of Mas-

sachusetts for many years, and in retirement started a gardening business which she ran for a few years. She also performed many dove releases during wedding ceremonies around that same time.

She is survived by her companion Herbert J. Cameron, with whom she shared her home, and her beloved canine, Montie.

Visitation Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock St., Quincy. Funeral to immediately follow at the funeral home beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Kimberly Murphy, Pastor of Quincy Point Congregational Church, officiating. Burial at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

For more information or to leave online condolences visit HamelLydon.com.

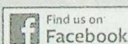
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SEASIDEK9s recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting in front of its new location at 405 Sea St. (formerly Harry's Pizza). Owners are Ethan Hoyt, an Army veteran and Molly O'Neill, a former Boston Public School teacher. The owners say they are committed to providing a comprehensive, inclusive and well-rounded experience for dogs by incorporating canine enrichment into all of their services. From left to right: Norfolk County Sheriff Pat McDermott, Molly O'Neill, Ethan Hoyt, Mayor Tom Koch, Ward 1 Councillor Dave McCarthy and Quincy Chamber President Tim Cahill.

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Public Access Channel 8

- Thursday, February 15
 - 6:00pm: Bethany Congregational Church
 - 8:00pm: QHS vs. NQHS Girls Basketball 2/9
- Friday, February 16
 - 11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
 - 7:00pm: AM Quincy: Rep. Tackey Chan
- Saturday, February 17
 - 12:00pm: Marshall School Winter Concert
 - 1:00pm: High School Basketball
- Sunday, February 18
 - 11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News
 - 1:00pm: The Call
- Monday, February 19
 - 11:30am: CIQ Interview: Quincy College
 - 8:00pm: Quincy Police vs. Fire Hockey 2/9
- Tuesday, February 20
 - 7:00am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
 - 7:00pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch
- Wednesday, February 21
 - 6:00pm: Quincy Point Church Good News
 - 7:00pm: The Call

Government Access Channel 9

- Thursday, February 15
 - 4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 2/6
 - 5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 2/6
- Friday, February 16
 - 8:00pm: Essex Piano Trio
- Saturday/Sunday, February 17/18
 - 9:30am: For Your Health: Heart Attack
 - 12:00pm: City Council 2/12
 - 3:15pm: Home Sweet Healthy Home Podcast #4
 - 4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 2/6
 - 5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 2/6
 - 7:00pm: City Council 2/12
 - 9:00pm: In the Know: Norfolk County Sheriff
- Monday, February 19
 - 6:00pm: Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit
 - 6:30pm: City Council 2/12
- Tuesday, February 20
 - 4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 2/6
 - 6:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 2/6
- Wednesday, February 21
 - 6:00pm: Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit
 - 7:00pm: City Council 2/12

**Programming is subject to change.
For a complete list of programs, please visit our website at qatv.org**

Senior, Youth Orchestras Hit The High Notes At Joint Concert

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"When I was living in Carver, my son Skip, who plays oboe, heard about an orchestra at Massasoit College in Brockton" Hoitt said. "We joined and played under the direction of John Rose. We played at two concerts per year and at graduation. There was a chorus also, so we performed one half, and they performed one half."

The orchestra's initial conductor was fired after a disagreement over a piece of music. According to Marie Hoitt, her sister Pat Hoitt, who played cello, suggested the hiring of Paul Cappers as the new conductor.

Marie Hoitt said Cappers balked at the college's new president who decided to charge \$30 per semester for music lessons but would not allow any concerts to be performed on campus. That

led to Cappers arranging the orchestra to start rehearsing at a church in Hingham and took on the name of Wompatuck Senior Orchestra.

A few years ago after Cappers moved out of state, ensemble member Kathleen Almand moved its base to the Hingham House of Prayer, its current location.

Both the Atlantic Youth Orchestra and Wompatuck Senior Orchestra will perform concerts this spring. And the Wompatuck group may also collaborate with other music ensembles.

Bill noted the members of both orchestras share a passion for music.

"People play in ensembles like these for the sheer love of playing music together," she said. "It's so exciting to be in front of a group of people who are motivated by love of music."



ATLANTIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA violinists perform from left, violin I concertmaster Kyle Weng, Nathan Wang, Jacob Weng, and Henry Zerva.



VIOLINISTS OF THE Wompatuck Senior Orchestra perform, from left, Kathleen Almand, Elizabeth Markesich, and Aixin Liang.



WOMPATUCK SENIOR ORCHESTRA longest member Marie Hoitt, left, is joined by Dave Levy, right, on the violin.



THE HINGHAM-BASED Wompatuck Senior Orchestra performs various dance music from through the ages.



WOMPATUCK SENIOR ORCHESTRA members Duane Claussen, left, and Dan Kostreva, right, perform on the bass.



THE WOMPATUCK SENIOR Orchestra performs. The orchestra was joined by the Quincy-based Atlantic Youth Orchestra at a recent joint concert.

Ward Committee Candidates On Democratic, Republican Ballots

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Rd.; Patrick Foley, 787 Sea St.; Elizabeth Tammaro, 223 Winthrop St.; David Jacobs, 10 Charles St.; Daniel James Jacobs, 16 Turner St.; Joseph C. Murphy, 18 Macy St.; James Phillip Perkins, 2 Snug Harbor Court; Donna May Berry, 86 Sea Ave.; Lisa M. Varnerin, 99 Lenox St.; James D. McCarthy, Jr., 90 Babcock St.; Thomas R. Holmes, 222 Manet Ave.; Kathylene Frances Pavidis, 74 Lenox St.; Martin Eugene Aikens, 81 Mears Ave.; Jeffrey M. Sheehan, 26 Victoria Rd.; Daniel Lawrence Hanly, 60 Hooper St.; Michelle F. Hanly, 60 Hooper St.; Thomas Kevin Breslin, 55 Island Ave.; Julie Betts Pinkham, 55 Island Ave.; James Joseph Morgan, Jr., 73 Bicknell St.; Janet Marie Colclough Bargar, 205 Manet Ave.; Peter M. Kelley, 72 Spring St.; John F. Keenan, 37 Hobomack Rd.; Alice G. Daly, 10 Charles St.; Sean R. McArdle, 72 Huntress St.; Susan E. Holmes, 222 Manet Ave.; and Liz Speakman, 129 Merrymount Rd.

WARD 2

Nancy L. DeLisle, 14 Nevada Rd.; Stephen James Durkin, 100 Cove Way; Richard C. Ash, 14 Mound St.; Steven C. Perdios, 86 Ruggles St.; Sandra E. Mer-

rick, 165 Phipps St.; Brian O. Merrick, 165 Phipps St.; William K. Connors, 1000 Southern Artery; Brad L. Croall, 92 Viden St.; Patrick Croall, 15 Bower Rd.; Marilyn Croall, 15 Bower Rd.; John Francis Franceschini, Jr., 26 Main St.; Sarah E. Welch, 22 Adams St.; Daniel G. Raymondi, 88 Elm St.; Sharon T. Raymondi, 88 Elm St.; Thomas Bowes, 200 Cove Way; Barbara Ann Morris, 47 Washington Ct.; Richard Allen Morris, 47 Washington Ct.; Mariah Weathers, 45 Winter St.; Rachel E. Leschmier, 258 Quincy Ave.; Regina M. Hughes, 1000 Southern Artery and Paul Daniel McLean, 25 Dale Ave.

WARD 3

Robert E. LaRocca, 40 Oakland Ave.; Melissa Anjulia Schapero, 9 Rowley St.; Nina X. Liang, 100 Grand View Ave.; Ronald P. Iacobucci, 430 Adams St.; Lawrence Timothy Liuzzo, 93 Forbes Hill Rd.; Caryn Smith, 221 Pine St.; Leslie LaRocca, 40 Oakland Ave.; Kathryn E. Hubley, 44 Marion St.; Thomas Francis Meade, III, 234 Norfolk St.; Lisa McBirney, 24 Joan Dr.; Walter Hubley, 44 Marion St.; Elizabeth Moran Liuzzo, 15 Eddie St.; Donald E. Knight, 389 Highland Ave.;

William P. Doherty, 181 Taylor St.; Kevin F. Coughlin, 19 Small St.; Domenica M. Coughlin, 19 Small St.; Anna Duffy, 4 Avalon Dr.; Valerie G. Stromberg, 9 Rockview Rd.; Michael F. Gazzola, 393 Highland Ave.; Michael A. Covais, 23 Pope St.; Lisa Jean Covais, 23 Pope St.; Claire Peggy Donohue-Prono, 130 Reservoir Rd.; Benjamin G. Wilde, 83 Cedar St.; Allcyn C. Wilde, 83 Cedar St.; Maria Coughlin-Lok, 182 Wilson Ave.; Jimmy Lok, 182 Wilson Ave.; Jacquelyn Mary Pike Flynn, 116 Willow Ave.; Emily Gale Sobiecki, 63 Willow Ave.; Ronald A. Rogers, 25 John St.; Marilyn R. Rogers, 25 John St.; Rebekah D. Provost, 54 Clement Ter.; James P. Coughlin, 54 Clement St. and Matthew Joseph Coughlin, 47 Packards Ln.

WARD 4

Thomas Anthony Fabrizio, 36 Reardon St.; Joel M. Buenaventura, 29 Common St.; Matthew J. Lyons, 175 Centre St.; Kevin George O'Connell, 11 Emerald St.; Michael R. Webber, 1 Thurston Ave.; Gail M. Callahan, 437 Quarry St.; Michael E. McFarland, 27 Village Dr.; Janet Susan Petkun, 114 Gridley St.; Michael Patrick Flaherty, 5 Crown Dr.;

Paul Michael Connolly, 18 Gridley St.; Patricia Connolly, 19 Gridley St.; Deborah C. Coughlin, 55 Kidder St.; James Henry Davis, III, 33 Shawmut St.; Andrea E. White, 10 Whitman Rd.; Michael J. Shea, 21 Ashland St.; Kerin M. Frawley, 35 Salem St.; Kathleen Palmer, 1475 Furnace Brook Pkwy; Michelle McGahey, 140 Crescent St.; Scott A. McGahey, 140 Crescent St.; Katherine S. Pekkinen, 133 Grove St.; Bridget Hawko, 83 Woodcliff Rd.; Anne M. Mahoney, 12 Ferriter St.; Kevin P. Mahoney, 12 Ferriter St.; Stephen J. Hawko, 17 White St. and Stephen J. Hawko, Jr., 17 White St.

WARD 5

Courtney Marie Madden, 124 Davis St.; John Patrick Dumas, 247 Beach St.; Margaret Spring Dumas, 247 Beach St.; Alicia A. Gardner, 58 South St.; Patrick W. McDermott, 55 Dixwell Ave.; Tackey Chan, 66 Meadowbrook Rd.; Mary E. Migre, 47 Andrews Rd.; Elisa Hae Rynn Bae, 32 Saint Ann's Rd.; Joann M. Bragg, 74 East Elm Ave.; Nancy J. Barron, 55 Sturtevant Rd.; William J. Barron, Jr., 55 Sturtevant Rd.; Joseph Edward Doyle, 22 Hudson St.; Jocelyn M. Sedney, 85 Monroe Rd.; Jan Stetson

Dwyer, 38 Sturtevant Rd.; Patrick J. McDonough, 124 Davis St.; Eileen A. Cavicchi, 108 Davis St.; Charles John Phelan, 298 Fenno St.; Elizabeth V. Bates, 63 Phillips Rd.; Joseph Patrick Shea, 6 Heritage Rd.; Josephine Eleanor Shea, 6 Heritage Rd.; Angela J. Cristiani, 39 Sturtevant Rd.; Jean T. Cristiani, 39 Sturtevant Rd.; Carolyn M. Pecevic, 99 Vassall St.; Susan Marie O'Connor, 310 Billings Rd.; Tracy L. Wilson, 55 Dixwell Ave.; Alana Wilson McDermott, 55 Dixwell Ave.; Mary T. Pecevic, 97 Vassall St.; William John Phelan, 86 Monroe Rd.; Mary E. Quinn, 20 Dixwell Ave.; Eva Marie Shea, 115 Hamden Cir.; Helen V. Shiner, 23 Copley St. and Margaret M. Barrett-Hall, 2 Bromfield St.

WARD 6

Michael W. Morrissey, 111 Lansdowne St.; Daniel D. Haacker, 94 Newbury Ave.; Herman Dale Musgrave, 87 Appleton St.; Judith M. Capobianchi, 10 Seaport Dr.; Norma Simons Fitzgerald, 124 East Squantum St.; Mary P. Collins, 116 Lansdowne St.; Helen G. Irvin, 15 Sunrise Rd.; Mark W. Bracken, 10 Seaport Dr.; Galen Shrand, 91 Hollis Ave.; Vincent Tien

Yu Leung, 250 Newbury Ave.; Andrea Morgan, 100 Marina Dr.; Kevin L. Cotter, 24 Rawson Rd.; Joseph G. Finn, 15 Williams St.; Joseph John Newton, 85 Aberdeen Rd.; Colin Patrick McMahon, 60 Russell St.; Robert Paul Verney, 78 Parke Ave.; Janet Coughlin, 865 East Squantum St.; Christine Kennedy Robles, 119 Sonoma Rd.; Christopher Neal Carroll, 26 Sycamore Rd.; William D. Delahunt, 9 Ketch Ln.; John Tilley, 28 Richfield St.; Susan Farago, 165 Quincy Shore Dr.; William P. Harris, 74 Ashworth Rd.; Bruce J. Ayers, 45 Williams St.; Michael G. Bellotti, 33 Bayberry Rd.; Mary Ann Fallon, 10 Sumac Rd.; Maureen Ann Ayers, 45 Williams St.; Marybeth Porter, 49 Dundee Rd.; Francis X. Neely, Jr., 94 Newbury Ave.; Michael M. Crain, 77 Sharon Rd.; Diane B. Crain, 77 Sharon Rd.; and Joanne Ross Morrissey, 111 Lansdowne St.

Here are the names of the **Republican candidates** running for Ward Committee by ward:

WARD 1

Norman E. Tuttle, 235 Rock Island Rd.; Chester Robert Freeman, 42 Samoset Ave.; Marion Viera, 25

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ABSENTEE VOTING PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

Absentee ballots
are available for the
2024 Presidential Primary.

Quincy voters may vote
in person at City Hall
Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
until
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 at noon.

EARLY VOTING

For The March 5, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



You can early vote at

Quincy City Hall on

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday,
February 26 - March 1

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**QUINCY CITY HALL
1305 Hancock Street**

Voting Is Now More Convenient than ever
and on **YOUR** Schedule



Questions? Please Call Us!

617-376-1144 or Email ncrispo@quincyma.gov



Massachusetts Presidential Primary Tuesday, March 5

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the Democratic and Republican conventions will be awarded in those contests.

The deadline to register to vote in the primary election is Saturday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m. A voter who is unenrolled, also known as an independent voter, can vote in the party primary of their choice. A voter who is enrolled in a party can only vote in that party's primary.

In-person early voting will take place in Massachusetts between Saturday, Feb. 24, and Friday, March 1.

In Quincy, early voting will take place in the Great Hall on the second floor of the McIntyre Government Center (old City Hall) at 1305 Hancock St. The building will be open for early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24; from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25;

and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following week days.

The Secretary of State's Office in January mailed registered voters an application to vote by mail in the upcoming primary election. Information on voting by mail can also be found on the city of Quincy's website, quincyma.gov. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the primary is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Quincy City Clerk Nicole Crispo said her office had received 5,500 requests for mail-in ballots as of the afternoon of Feb. 6.

Quincy voters have several options to return their mail-in ballot. They can mail it back in the provided envelope; hand deliver it to the election office on the second floor of the glass City Hall annex building at 1305 Hancock St. during

business hours; drop it off at the early voting site during early voting hours; or use the drop box located in front of City Hall. Ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on March 5 to be counted.

On March 5, polls will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The same polling places used in November's municipal election will be used in the primary. Crispo said her office was working to address items, like lighting outside some of the school buildings used as polling places, that came up during the November election.

"We're working on resolving just a couple of little things that came up during the first time of using the new polling places, hearing what people are saying and working with the mayor and public buildings [commissioner] Paul Hines," Crispo said.

She also encouraged residents who may be concerned about inclement weather to take advantage of the option to vote early, either by mail or in person.

"If there's a concern about the weather, I would encourage people to vote by mail or take advantage of the seven days of early voting," Crispo said.

The turnout in Quincy for the 2020 presidential primary 30.28 percent. The turnout in the city in 2016 was 42.64 percent. Crispo said she anticipates about 35 percent of the city's registered voters will cast ballots this time, based on the turnout in the previous two presidential primaries.

There were 63,711 residents in the city who were registered to vote in the November 2023 municipal election. That number included 18,947 registered

Democrats, 4,101 registered Republicans and 186 Libertarians. Nearly two-thirds — 39,950 in all — were unenrolled, meaning they were not enrolled in a party or a designation. The remaining 527 registered voters were enrolled in one of 20 designations; those voters, like unenrolled ones, may vote in the party primary of their choice.

Three candidates are running in the Democratic primary. They are, in the order they appear on the ballot: Dean Phillips, a congressman from Minnesota; President Joseph Biden; and Marianne Williamson, an author who has suspended her campaign.

Seven candidates are listed on the Republican ballot. Those candidates, in the order they appear on the ballot, are: former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie;

businessman Ryan Binkley; businessman Vivek Ramaswamy; former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson; former President Donald Trump; Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis; and Nikki Haley, the former UN ambassador and governor of South Carolina. All but Binkley, Trump and Haley have suspended their campaigns.

Five candidates are listed on the Libertarian ballot. Those candidates, as they appear on the ballot, are: Jacob Hornberger, founder of the Future of Freedom Foundation; Michael Rectenwald, author and former college professor; Chase Russell Oliver, a political activist; Michael Ter Maat, an economist; and Lars Damian Mapstead, co-founder of Friend Finder Networks.

The March 5 ballot also includes elections for

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Ward Committee Candidates On Democratic, Republican Ballots

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Empire St.; Anne E. McCarthy, 143 Butler Rd.; Julie Ann Berberan, 14 Riverview St.; William P. Galligan, 250 Rock Island Rd.; and Roy S. Caley, 106 Washington St.

WARD 2

Russell E. Theriault, 10 Moody St.; Diane LaRaia, 802 Southern Artery and William P. LaRaia, 802 Southern Artery.

WARD 3

John Richard Vaulding,

102 Hilma St.; Maryann C. Flaherty, 22 Eddie St. and Anne M. Hesenius, 126 Elmwood Ave.

WARD 4

Sharon Marie Cintolo, 128 Willard St.; Barry Martin Steinberg, 69 Unity St.; Dawn Victoria Henriksen,

169 Crescent St.; Raimondo A. DiBona, Sr.; and Maralin A. Manning, 230 Willard St.

WARD 5

William F. Burke, 28 Rice Rd.; Madeline Margaret Burke, 28 Rice Rd.; John C. Swanson, 115 West Elm Ave.; Edith Hughes, 72 Da-

vis St.; and Lisa J. Sullivan, 103 Haviland St.

WARD 6

John Charles MacNeil, 4 Seaport Dr.; Beryl H. McFadden, 167 Essex St.; Kathleen K. Dewey, 139 Sonoma Rd.; Kathleen A. Sullivan-Moran, 229 Quincy

Shore Dr.; and John Francis Murphy, IV, 93 Knollwood Rd.

There are no candidates for Ward Committee listed on the Libertarian Primary ballot in any of the city's six wards.



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

**Last Day To Register To Vote
Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**Voter Registration
Can Be Done at City Hall
1305 Hancock St.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM or
at www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR**

Board of Registrars
Nicole Crispo, City Clerk
Bonnie C. Marcel
John Carl Swanson
John P. Dumas



VOTE BY MAIL IN THE MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

**VOTE BY MAIL
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT
QUINCYMA.GOV.**

**Applications may also
be requested by calling
the Quincy Election Office
at 617-376-1144.**

**TO RECEIVE A BALLOT BY MAIL
FOR THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY,
APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT BY
5:00PM ON TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 2024.**

Quincy Girls, Boys Defeat North Quincy In Basketball



QUINCY SENIOR guard Paige Mann drives to the basket as North Quincy senior guard Molly Toland (left) and teammate senior forward/center Autumn O'Campos defend their basket in the Presidents' 71-45 win over the Raiders Feb. 9 at Quincy High School.



NORTH QUINCY freshman guard Maeve Powers puts up a shot for the Raiders against the Quincy Presidents.



QUINCY JUNIOR forward Alyssa Hopps eyes a three-pointer against North Quincy. Defending for the Raiders is senior guard/forward Ava Bryan. Story on Page 21.



QUINCY SENIOR guard Danny Adams launches a three-pointer in the Presidents' 68-64 overtime win over North Quincy Feb. 9. With the win, Quincy improved to 5-13; North Quincy dropped to 4-12.



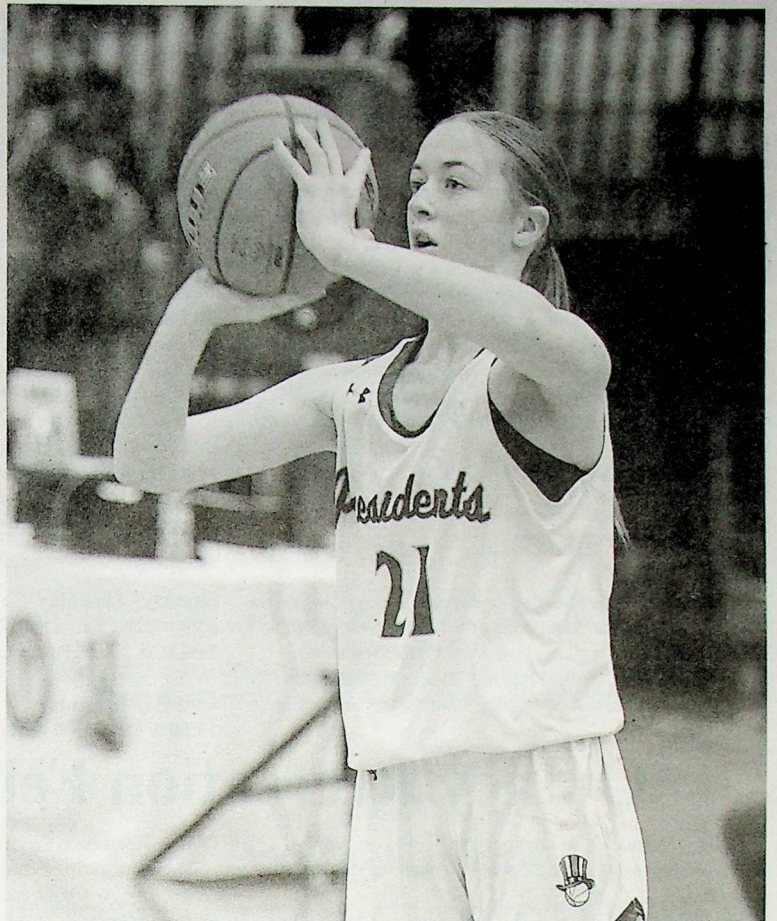
NORTH QUINCY junior guard Kobe Nguyen takes a jump shot as Quincy senior guard Danny Adams defends.



QUINCY senior guard Manny Aguayo eyes a three-pointer for the Presidents. Story Page 34.



NORTH QUINCY senior forward/center Autumn O'Campos puts up a shot for the Raiders as Quincy junior forward Kyrie Blue defends the Presidents' basket. Quincy defeated North Quincy 71-45 Feb. 9 to improve to 15-3 on the season. North Quincy fell to 9-9.



QUINCY FRESHMAN guard Rory Kennedy launches a three-pointer in the Presidents' 71-45 win over North Quincy Feb. 9. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

Quincy Girls Improve To 15-3 With Win Over NQ

By TOM JOYCE

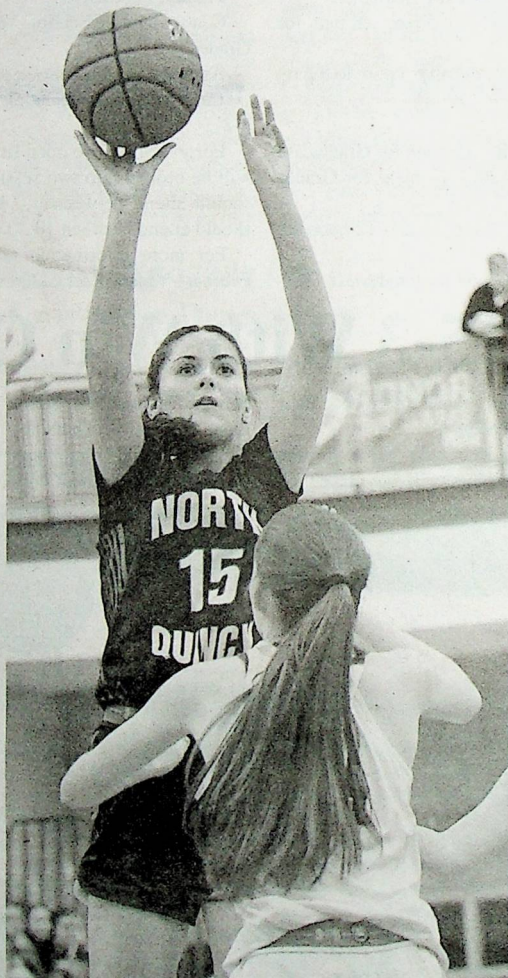
The first time these two teams played each other, it was a tightly-contested matchup.

However, the Quincy High girls' basketball team had a clear edge last Friday night. The Presidents hosted their in-city rival, the North Quincy Raiders, and their offense shined for four quarters. The Presidents got strong offensive performances from a few different players and beat the Raiders 71-45. With the win, the Presidents improved to 15-3 on the season. With the loss, the Raiders fell to 9-9.

As of the start of this week, the Presidents were on a seven-game winning streak, dating back to the last time they played the Raiders.

Though the Raiders tied the game at five apiece on a three-pointer from Molly Toland early in the first quarter last Friday night, the Presidents pulled away later as the quarter progressed. The Presidents had sharp shooting from the outside as Rory Kennedy (14 points) hit a pair of three-pointers and Frankie Diaz (11 points) added another in the final few minutes of the first half. The team also got a three-point play from Alysia Hopps (18 points) and a three-pointer from Paige Mann earlier in the quarter, so they led 20-11 after the first quarter.

The second quarter was the most competitive of the bunch, though the Presidents extended their lead to



NORTH QUINCY senior guard/forward Ava Bryan eyes a basket for the Raiders against the Quincy Presidents.

11 points, 31-20, by the end of the half.

Kennedy extended the Presidents lead to 31-15 with a three-pointer with under three minutes left in the first half. However, the Raiders ended the quarter on a 5-0 run to mitigate their deficit. Ava Bryan (9 points)

got the Raiders those points with a three-pointer and a deep two-pointer. Bryan finished second in points on the day for the Raiders behind Maeve Powers (12 points).

After the two teams traded baskets to start the third quarter, the Presidents



QUINCY JUNIOR forward Niamh Gendron scores a basket for the Presidents in Quincy's 71-45 win over North Quincy Feb. 9. With the win Quincy improved to 15-3.

pulled away; they had a 12-0 run that extended their lead to 23 points, 45-22. During the run, Kennedy and Diaz hit three-pointers. Mann made a layup, Niamh Gendron sank two free throws,

and Diaz hit a layup off a pass from Mann. The Presidents led 51-29 after three quarters.

The Raiders were unable to make a comeback in this one as the Presidents started

the fourth quarter with a 9-2 run that extended their lead to 29 points, 60-31. The Presidents went on to win the game 71-45.

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February Vacation Events At L-H Pool, Spring Schedule

Quincy Recreation, a division of the Department of Natural Resources, will be holding a number of events and clinics at the Lincoln-Hancock Community School Pool during February Vacation week (Feb. 19 - 23).

The Middle School Swim Team Clinic will consist of four separate sessions taking place from Tuesday, Feb. 20th through Friday, Feb. 23. The clinic will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon each day and is open to those in Grades 5-8.

The cost to attend is \$10 per session.

The program will introduce and refine competitive skills and provide exposure to a number of different types of training during each session. Each session will focus on two facets of competitive swimming.

The schedule for the Middle School Swim Team Clinic is as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 21st - Session 1: Freestyle & Turns

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd - Session 2: Breaststroke & Starts

Thursday, Feb. 23rd - Session 3: Butterfly & Backstroke

Friday, Feb. 24th - Session 4: Races & Relays

For more information regarding the Middle School Swim Team Clinic and to register, visit www.QuincyRec.com.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21st and Thursday, Feb. 22nd, Quincy Recreation will be hosting Pool Parties at the Lin-

coln-Hancock Pool from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Escape from the cold and come spend some time poolside this winter! Numerous water games and activities will be available.

The Pool Parties are free for members of the Lincoln-Hancock Pool - the cost for non-members is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

Additionally, from March 4th through April 8th, Quincy Recreation will be holding lifeguard tryouts on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln-Hancock Pool. Come take the prerequisite test to see if you have the right skills to become an American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard.

The test will include a 300 meter swim, a timed brick test, and treading water without using hands for two minutes.

Quincy Recreation also announces that its Spring 2024 schedule for the Lincoln-Hancock Pool has been released. From March 1st through June 16th, the pool will be open to members six days a week. Daily hours for the pool are as follows:

Monday - Thursday

6:00 - 7:20 P.M. - Open Family Swimming

7:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. - Lap Swimming

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Lap Swimming

11:15 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. - Open Family Swimming

The pool is located inside the Lincoln-Hancock Community School at 325 Water St. It is open to members only. Memberships for the pool can be purchased online at www.QuincyRec.com.

Family memberships (two adults + all family members ages 6-18) can be purchased for \$175. Adult memberships cost \$125, senior (60+) memberships cost \$75, and youth (ages 6-18) memberships are \$100.

All memberships are valid for one full year. When the pool is not at capacity, members may sponsor a guest - the guest fee is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

Open family swimming time allows for free swimming, water play, use of the diving board, as well as other activities that use the entire pool area at once. Children under the age of six or who require a swim bubble must always have an adult in the water with them. Parents of children ages 6 through 10 who choose not to swim must remain in the spectator area. Participants must pass a swim test to be eligible to swim in the deep end of the pool.

Lap swimming is for those over the age of 18 who want to swim continuously in one lane.

For more information regarding Spring swimming at the Lincoln-Hancock Pool, visit www.QuincyRec.com.

Quincy Recreation February Vacation Events

Quincy Recreation announces that it will be running a variety of programs during February Vacation week (Feb. 19th - 23rd).

For children in Grades K-2, Quincy Recreation is offering vacation week fun at Broad Meadows Middle School from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, Wednesday, Feb. 21st, Thursday, Feb. 22nd, and Friday, Feb. 23rd. Come join us for games, music, activities, and more! The cost to attend is \$5 per day.

Quincy Recreation, a division of the Department of Natural Resources, will also be running Parents' Night Out events on Tuesday, Feb. 20th and Thursday, Feb. 22nd from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Broad Meadows Middle School. Enjoy a night out while Quincy Recreation takes care of your children! There will be arts & crafts, games, sports, and more! These events are open to children in Grades 2-5 and the cost to attend is \$5 per night. Registration is required at the door.

Additionally, Quincy Recreation will be hosting a Dodgeball/GaGa Ball Night at Broad Meadows for children in Grades 6-8 on Wednesday, Feb. 21st. The event will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost to attend is \$5 at the door.

Quincy Recreation's gym programs will be operating at extended hours during February Vacation week as well. The gyms are free to attend and the schedule during vacation week is as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 20th:

Merrymount School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Point Webster Middle School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Central Middle School (Volleyball): 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 5-8

Squantum School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Atlantic Middle School (Volleyball): 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. for Grades 5-8

South-West Middle School (Volleyball): 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Grades 5-8

Wednesday, Feb. 21st:

Atherton Hough School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Lincoln-Hancock School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Central Middle School (Volleyball): 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 5-8

Squantum School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Atlantic Middle School (Volleyball): 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Grades 5-8

Central Middle School (Volleyball): 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Grades 5-8

Thursday, Feb. 22nd:

Central Middle School (Volleyball): 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 5-8

Merrymount School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Point Webster Middle School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Friday, Feb. 23rd:

Central Middle School (Volleyball): 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 5-8

Atherton Hough School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

Lincoln-Hancock School: 9 a.m. - 12 noon for Grades 3-8

For gyms that are open from 9 a.m. - 12 noon, each day will be broken into two sessions based on age. Grades 3-5 should attend between 9 - 10:30 a.m., while Grades 6-8 should attend between 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

For more information regarding Quincy Recreation's February Vacation schedule, visit www.QuincyRec.com.

Quincy Girls Improve To 15-3 With Win Over NQ

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This was the second of two matchups between these two teams this season. The first time they played one another on Friday, January 19, at North Quincy High School, Alyssa Hopps sank a buzzer-beating three-pointer, which helped the

Presidents beat the Raiders 50-48.

As the regular season winds down, it looks like both teams will make the playoffs. The Presidents already clinched their playoff spot a few weeks ago during their winning streak. Plus, the Raiders, who have en-

joyed plenty of success this season, were in playoff contention as of the start of this week.

The next game for the Presidents will take place Thursday, Feb. 15, on the road against the Marshfield Rams (6:30 p.m. start time); it was the final regular sea-

son game listed on their schedule.

The next game for the Raiders will be played on

the road against the Silver Lake Lakers on Thursday, Feb. 15 (6:30 p.m. start time); the Raiders will con-

clude their regular season at home against King Philip on Wednesday, Feb. 21 (5 p.m. start time).



QUINCY FRESHMAN guard Frankie Diaz drives the lane for a layup as North Quincy senior guard/forward Ava Bryan defends the Raider basket. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



NORTH QUINCY senior forward Jillian Jaehnig takes a jump shot for the Raiders against the Quincy Presidents. Defending for Quincy is junior forward Alyssa Hopps.

Clare Murphy Earns 350th Win As Fontbonne Hoop Coach

Coach Clare Murphy has been the heart and soul of Fontbonne basketball for the last 26 seasons as head varsity coach and the previous 7 as JV coach. On Jan. 8th, the Ducks secured the huge milestone 350th win for Coach Murphy with a 60-40 win over Dracut High School.

Since Murphy has taken over the program, the Font-

bonne basketball program has qualified for the MIAA state tournament 22 times of her last 26 seasons. She is a 1996 Fontbonne Hall of Fame member, 2002, 2017 and 2018 MBCA Coach of the Year, and 2002 Boston Globe Coach of The Year. Her teams have gone on to participate in the South Sectional Finals a number of times, including her

2002-2003 team that won the Eastern Mass Championship (but lost in the state final). Murphy has coached numerous student-athletes who have gone on to play at the Division I, II, and III levels.

Clare Murphy is a resident of Quincy and a physical education teacher at Point Webster Middle School in Quincy.



FONTBONNE GIRLS' BASKETBALL coach Clare Murphy celebrates her 350th coaching win with her players after her milestone victory Jan. 8. Murphy, a Quincy resident, is a physical education teacher at Point Webster Middle School in Quincy. *Courtesy Photo*

Merrymount Park By Moonlight Walk Feb. 22

The Department of Natural Resources is offering a free walk Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. entitled Merrymount Park by Moonlight.

Usually closed at sunset, the park will be open for participants to experience the park near the full moon. Space is limited and reg-

istration is required by sending an email to sowen@quincyma.gov indicating the number of people you would like to register for the tour. Tour details and meeting place will be provided upon registration. For the safety of humans and dogs,

dogs are not permitted on the tour.

The Department of Natural Resources offers free walking tours each month. If you would like to receive an email notice of the tours, please send a request to sowen@quincyma.gov.

'Sing For Their Supper' Concert Feb. 25 At First Parish Of Milton

On Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3p.m. Milton Community Concerts will present the ninth annual "Sing For Their Supper" benefit concert at First Parish of Milton, 535 Canton Ave.

Free admission, all proceeds from a free-will offering go to support the Milton

Food Pantry and Milton Residents Fund.

A program of opera and musical theater favorites featuring singers Tahane Aliwuhare, Chihiro Asano, Yeonjae Cho, Joel Clemens, Sarah Joyce Cooper, Melynda Davis, Daon Drisdorn, Neal Ferreira, Aurora

Martin, and Emily Tweedy, guest singers Grace Allendorf and Tamara Ryan, and pianist Timothy Steele.

No tickets needed; come early for best seating. In case of a winter storm the concert would be moved to March 3 at 3 p.m. Visit miltoncommunityconcerts.com.

Jacquelyn Andrade On Tufts University Dean's List

Jacquelyn Andrade of Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall

semester at Tufts University. She was a graduate and

Valedictorian of Woodward School for Girls in 2023.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Request For Proposals
"Metal Vehicle Enclosure Building"**

**City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts**

Notice

Due Date: February 29, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Department of Emergency Management, is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to perform the design, construction, and installation of one (1) steel/metal vehicle enclosure building to be installed at the Department of Natural Resources, One Merrymount Parkway, Quincy, MA.

The building must be 52' long by 38' wide with 16" eaves. The building will include three (3) 3'x7' doorways with doors, one doorway at the rear and one door on each side of the building for egress. The building must be installed on and anchored into the current existing asphalt.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.**

Detailed specifications will be available on-line on February 14, 2024, at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until February 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the bids; to reject any and all bids; and to accept any bids deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Ally Sleiman, Director Emergency Management
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

2/15/24

INVITATION TO RE-BID

Invitation to Re-Bid

"Re-Bid Cyclical Data Verification of Real Property and Education to Property Owners with Regard to Cyclical Data Verification and Valuation"

**City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts**

Notice

Due Date: February 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Assessor's Office, is soliciting re-bids for the Cyclical Data Verification of Real Property and Education to Property Owners with regard to Cyclical Data Verification and Valuation. The project shall include the on-site data verification of the taxable Real Property in Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 by the awarded company with a number of residential and commercial parcels.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until February 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy Assessors Office shall determine the selected proposer(s). The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

If applicable, proposals shall be in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, Chapter 149 as amended, and Chapter 30, Sections 39A, 39B, and 39F-R.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Colleen Healy, Chair, Board of Assessors
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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INVITATION TO BID

Invitation to Bid

"On-Call Traffic Control Signal Maintenance Contractor"

**City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts**

Notice

Due Date: February 29, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Department of Traffic Parking Alarm Lighting, is soliciting bids from qualified bidders to perform services for the City of Quincy as requested providing normal, routine, and emergency services on a 24-hour, 7 day per week basis (including holidays) with a response time of not more than 45 minutes for emergency calls.

The work shall consist of providing routine traffic signal maintenance and repair services, emergency on-call repair services, parts replacement, and upgrades to existing traffic signals. The selected firm must have the resources and abilities to service traffic signal controllers, conflict monitors, switches, flashers, traffic detection equipment including but not limited to cameras, radar, microwave detectors and inductive loop systems and any other associated traffic equipment. The selected firm must also have the ability to install various traffic signal poles and control cabinets and be able to provide a utility service truck when required.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**

Detailed specifications will be available on-line on February 14, 2024, at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the bids; to reject any and all bids; and to accept any bids deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

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Batteries, Tires, Fuel Pumps, 'High Mileage' Synthetic Oil

Ask John Paul: AAA New England's Car Doctor
Senior Manager, Public Affairs and Traffic Safety

I want to change my battery in my 2019 Toyota Tacoma, but I have been told I have to apply power to my computer before I disconnect the battery. Could you explain to me how to do this.

When changing a battery it is always advisable to use a memory saver. This can be a device that plugs into the OBD under dash connector, or attaches to the jump start terminals on some cars. At AAA we teach our technicians to use their jump-packs. They attach the positive lead of the pack to the positive battery cable and the negative lead to a ground. Then carefully remove the cables (use a rag to insulate the "hot" positive cable), clean the connections, remove and install the new battery. On your Toyota if you don't do this, you will need to reset your clock, radio presets and there may be a start/stall for the initial start with the new battery until the computer relearns the idling speed.

Do you happen to know of a local repair shop that can rebuild the cluster on my 2004 RAM pickup?

AAA has approved repair shops (www.aaa.com/repair) that may be able to perform the repairs. Typically what will happen is the shop will remove the faulty cluster and send it out to be repaired. Some time back I had a technician on my radio program from an electronics rebuilder in Georgia call Upfix. You can find that interview and more than 500 programs here: <https://player.fm/series/series-2536186/upfix-for-your-broken-automotive-electronics-and-a-road-test-of-the-toyota-gr86>.

I received a portable hydraulic trolley jack for Christmas and plan on throwing it into the trunk of my car, where I hope to never use it. It's got a little bit of weight to it - 18 pounds, to be exact - and I was wondering what the impact (if any) of carrying this extra weight around will have on my gas mileage. I drive a 2019 Toyota Camry SE which gets about 33 miles to the gallon (much of it highway driving). Your thoughts?

A good jack and lug wrench are very handy and can make changing a flat tire much safer, although you still need to be aware of jacking points. Regarding the extra weight, the 18 pounds is about equivalent to carrying three gallons of gas. You most likely don't see any difference in miles per gallon when your fuel tank is one quarter full or half full. I would take some care to secure the jack in the trunk, you don't want it to become a flying object in a crash.

I have a 2011 Chevrolet Avalanche, the fuel pump needs to be changed. I am located in Massachusetts. Could you give me approximately how many hours it would take a mechanic to change the fuel pump (in the tank) of this Avalanche. What is the labor rate these days that a garage would get? I am looking for just a rough estimate before I call a garage.

Depending on where you go (new car dealer or independent shop) I use an average of \$130 for standard labor and \$175 for diagnostics and some specialized work. It will take about three hours for the install, and the parts can vary depending on what kind and quality. Looking online the pump with the float can range from \$100-\$300. Using standard labor guides and a factory part the total cost could be as much as \$1,300.

I generally don't read about car repairs, but approximately two weeks ago I spilled some spaghetti with meat sauce on the leather seats on my new car. As it turns out that week you mentioned several car cleaners in your column. I bought one of them - Meguiar's - and it worked perfectly. Thank you for your insightful recommendations and now you have a new reader.

Thanks, and I have always had good luck with Meguiar's products. From time-to-time different companies will send me products to try out, some work better than others. I have found over the years Meguiar's products work as advertised

Do you have a car question?

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Email John jpaul@aaanortheast.com

and what I buy and use.

I have a Buick Regal 2017 and one of the tires was stabbed by strangers at the shopping mall. It was terrible and I couldn't believe it when we came out. It was completely flattened. To fix it, I am thinking about buying a Nokian tire, from www.tires-easy.com. Is this the correct tire for my car?

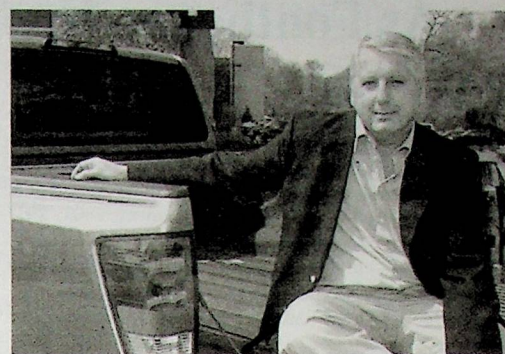
I have been using Nokian tires on my car for about a year now and they have been very good. Unless you are replacing a pair of tires, I would try to match the other tires on the car. Replacing just one tire with a different brand and tread design can cause some odd handling and even uneven braking in slippery conditions. If you are replacing two tires, the Nokian tires are a good choice.

We own a 2020 Subaru Crosstrek Limited with the Start/Stop feature. The battery failed when the car was seven months old because it wasn't started for several weeks during the Covid lockdown. Subaru replaced the battery and said the OEM battery with a rating of 620 cold cranking amps wasn't really suited for the electrical requirements of this model. It's now three years later and the battery again failed because we were away for three weeks and it wasn't started during that time. I'd like to replace it with a more powerful (non-Subaru) battery but am confused by the start/stop feature. Will any Group Size 35 battery be okay?

Most group 35 batteries have a reserve capacity of 90 minutes or so. In the case of your Subaru, reserve capacity is as important as CCA. Considering how you drive I would consider switching to an AGM battery, most vehicles with start/stop have AGM batteries. Doing a quick search on AAA and other battery sites, it seems as if you can easily find a group 35 AGM battery that has a rating of 650 CCA and 100 minutes of reserve capacity. In theory a battery like this should allow your car to sit for a month, providing there is no abnormal parasitic drain.

My 2014 Mazda CX-9 has 63,000 miles and I faithfully change the full synthetic 5W-20 oil and filter every six months. I never reach 5,000 miles during that six months or I would change it at that mileage. I use "regular" synthetic oil. I'm reading that it might be time for the "high mileage" engine oil version. Supposedly it has additives for aging seals. (If that's the case, why not have those additives in all versions?) The Ford 3.7L V-6 Duratek in this SUV is dynamite. No oil leaks and I love its performance. (No towing or heavy loads). What are your thoughts on switching to the high mileage? Pros vs. cons? Also, I am starting to look at the CX-9's replacement, the CX-90, new in model year 2024. Mazda has replaced the recent four-cylinder turbo engine with a six-cylinder engine in 2024. Since it is the first year for this engine, I am watching for feedback. Have you heard any? And yes, I understand Mazda's "joystick" infotainment setup has its detractors.

At first, I thought high mileage oil was just marketing, but after some research it does have its benefits. It will help with aging engine seals, the additives condition the seals, not swell them up like some pour in additives do. That being said at 10 years old and using good oil, I'm not sure you need it, perhaps switch in the 75,000-100,000-mile range. The only negative of high-mileage oil is it costs a bit more. As for the latest CX-90, a very well-made vehicle and the new six-cylinder engine performed quite well during my



JOHN PAUL
AAA's Car Doctor

road testing. There are a couple of powertrain choices, plug in hybrid, mild hybrid, and conventional engine. The mild hybrid and PHEV are too new to know how they will do. The conventional inline six-cylinder turbo engine, also new for Mazda, seems very solid. The interior is very comfortable and unlike many bigger SUVs, the handling is quite good. The newest Mazda is not without some problems with at least two recalls since its introduction.

My son is visiting from overseas and borrowed my car to drive to Pittsburgh to visit friends. The car is a 2012 Audi A4 with 90,000 miles, no significant issues to date, though it has been burning a bit more oil of late. The check engine light came on in Pittsburgh. The light is solid, no noticeable issues with driving yet. He did find a parts store and they came up with codes; P2187 and P2279. Am I taking major risks allowing him to drive back home, provided there are no noticeable performance issues, and the light is not flashing? I would of course take the car in for diagnostic to my local trusted mechanics once he is back.

The two codes relate to fuel mixture, perhaps a leak in the air intake before the throttle plate, vacuum leak at the intake manifold or even a dried out vacuum hose. The most common issue is with the PCV system, sometimes called an oil separator in VW/Audi engines. This could also explain your engines' increased oil use. Since the car is running normally chances are it is a minor fuel issue and should be okay. In the worst case, there could be some stalling.

Ford continues to innovate in its quest to make trailering easier and less intimidating for truck owners through its Pro Trailer Assist and in the past year, the ability to automatically hitch your truck to a trailer hitch. While these systems are available on the F-150, SuperDuty trucks, Expedition - I have been following every year for when they would expand these options to the Explorer or Escape. Any rumors that this could happen soon?

I asked that question about a year or two ago with engineers from Ford and they said it was in the plans with the next major upgrades to the Explorer but not likely in the Escape. They hinted at that time that budgetary concerns were an issue, focusing more on electric vehicle development.

I am wondering if you can recommend a good steering wheel lock seat belt lock to protect my 2019 Honda CRV? The rash of car thefts has me concerned so I thought a lock of this type would be an effective way to deter auto thefts. The main advantage is, it is easy to use and will not mar any of the surfaces like a bar type of lock would. I have read some of the reviews of this type of lock. My main concern is that I could install it and then cannot get it to unlock, or it could damage the seat belt receptacle, so it will not work either. I have read complaints about both conditions. The other one is the seat belt could be damaged and so the belt alert continues to chime. What do you think?

Like all of these devices (cane locks, steering wheel locks and armored ignitions), they are a deterrent, and hopefully a thief would see this and move on. The weakness in this product is the seatbelt. The device that I have seen has a rigid plastic case and strong cable, but it still connects to a fabric seatbelt. Keep in mind that even the steel cable can be cut with battery grinder or hydraulic cutters. Adding additional security is a personal choice and certainly could work, but I would also follow the advice of the police, park in well-lit areas, remove valuables and lock the car.

There is a squeaking noise coming from the steering wheel/column. Sounds like a mouse to me. It does not happen all the time and it does not seem to be caused by temperature? It only happens when I am making very minor changes to the wheel. Like if the road turns slightly left or right. If I am parallel parking or making 360 degree turns it does not make any noise. The Dealership said they could not hear the noise. I had the service man-

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ager listen to a video I took of the noise while I moved the steering wheel. He could not give me any answers. I hope you can shed some light on this issue.

I suspect there is some piece of plastic trim, insulation and even a wiring loom that is rubbing on the moving parts of the steering column. The only way to find it is to do a little disassembly and look for signs of wear marks.

I bought this 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 new 18 years ago, it is in beautiful condition, and I always fix any issue that comes up. So, I have a problem with my push-button four-wheel drive. I have three button system, 2WD, 4WD high, and 4WD low. The problem is when I go from 2WD to 4WD high or low I hear the transfer case engage the front axle but the 4WD light never shows the selection was made. The light just flashes, service 4WD. Also, I cannot get it into 4WD low. So far, I tested the push button switch, I replaced the actuator in the transfer case, tried replacing the 4WD module to no avail and checked the usual ground problems. I do not know what else to do and I am afraid to go to a dealer and have them just throw parts at it.

Since you have assessed or replaced all of the electrical components, power and ground circuits, the issue could be mechanical. At this point you need to look for a mechanical failure in the transfer case or front differential.

I have a 2016 Jeep Compass that lost power as I was driving recently — no warning, just shut down and I could not accelerate. It cranked but did not turn over, and the AAA tech said it might be the fuel pump. All my research supported this, so I replaced it. But today it just died again as it idled and threw a check engine light. It died several times, and again it struggled to start. Not sure if it could be a fuel pump or electrical or what, but it is a very recent preowned purchase with only 62,000 miles and this is obviously frustrating.

Lately, and this could be age related, the common issue we are seeing in Jeeps is a failure of the TIPM total integrated power module (basically a fancy fuse box). The TIPM has several replays plugged into it including the fuel pump relay. Some further testing is needed but upon disassembly if corrosion is noted the TIPM will need replacement. If it is determined the TIPM needs replacement there are companies that rebuild them.

Regarding vehicle rust, I have found that a mixture of about three parts new oil and one part diesel fuel in a good garden sprayer works great for a rust preventative. Wash out all the body panels, nooks, and crannies, soak everything good, 20 years later - rust free, and I live in the rust belt.

Although a good old-time solution that has been used for years, I am not sure the environmental people would like it. Many years ago, I worked for a short time in Vermont and there was a local shop that almost used the same mixture-waste oil instead of new oil, unless you wanted the premium upgrade to hydraulic oil. His customers' vehicles never rusted. Today a better solution is a product like Waxoyl, that has both undercoating and crevice sealer.

My 2021 Acura RDX that I purchased used has 15,000 miles on it and the brakes make loud squeaky noise, early in my drive and goes away. It almost sounds like the noise you hear when your brake pads are low. I took it to Acura dealer and was told this is a normal sound because of high performance brake pad and rotors. I feel like he is pulling my leg. And I went online, and it seems like a common complaint from other owners. What are your thoughts on this?

It is not unusual for brakes to make some noise on the first few applications. A combination of dampness and surface rust can lead to some noise. If the vehicle has factory brakes (which it should at 15,000 miles) they are a quality product, but I would not call them high-performance. At this point, short of changing the brake pads in an attempt to quiet the noise, I would call it normal.

I have a 2012 Acura MDX with 60,000 miles. When should I get the timing belt changed?

Acura states that the timing belt should be changed when the number 4 comes up in the maintenance display. This translates to roughly 105,000 miles. Acura also goes on to say that it the vehicle is driven in severe conditions, heat, cold, off road, then replace the timing belt at 60,000 miles. If this were my Acura and I planned to keep it for a while more I would replace the timing belt to err on the side of caution.

I am doing a little maintenance on my 2002 Honda Accord and noticed the alternator output is 14.5 volts. Is that okay?

Typical alternator output is 13.5 to 14.7 volts on most cars. Honda runs a slightly lower output. The specification is 13.5 volts with a fully charged battery (12.6 volts) on a

70-degree day. The lower the ambient temperature the higher the output voltage. Depending on the temperature, battery health and state of charge, 14.5 volts could be normal.

I took delivery of a 2023 Ford Raptor in May of 2023 and last week for no reason at all, the battery was deader than dead. I was able to jump it and basically all week I have not had any issues. However, I have been using one of my battery maintainers (this one was a 5amp/12volt unit) on it when it is home. When driving, the initial dash voltage readout after starting is briefly and sometimes 13 volts, but more commonly 14 volts to almost 15 volts. I do not love the idea that the battery was deader than dead for its future longevity. My question is how urgent do you think it is to get to the dealer and ask for a replacement? That's assuming they will even give me one if it shows up as good now.

It certainly makes sense to test the battery, alternator and for parasitic drain. When testing a battery, you need to look at voltage and amperage. A voltmeter will give you some indication of battery health, but voltage is only part of the picture. Also, it is possible that some system in the truck did not shut down, causing a high electrical drain and discharging the battery. Regarding the maintainer you are using 5-amps is a little high to maintain a battery. I prefer something under 1.25 amps.

I have a 2018 Ford Explorer, and there is a squeal in my left rear tire. That is not constant but happens on rotation. It is loud and annoying! Am I safe? And what could be the cause? Any help will be greatly appreciated since it is going into the shop soon. I hope you can answer this question before Tuesday, and I do not have to wait and see it in the paper.

I answer every email I receive and try to do it as soon as possible, in fact readers if you do not hear back from me in a couple of days, email me again. Regarding your Ford Explorer noise, it could be a brake issue from either the service brake or the parking brake. The noise could also be a rust ridge on the brake rotors. You are doing the right thing by bringing it into the repair shop. It would be best if you could demonstrate the noise to the service writer or technician or perhaps have a passenger record the noise as it happens. This way you and the technician are on the same page when it comes to the repair.

What is going on with your radio program? I have been listening to you giving unbiased advice for years on several stations. Did you retire from radio? I looked around the dial on Saturday and did not find you.

You are correct, it has been a long time, more than 30 years. The last station I was on was sold, but I am back on the air on www.959watd.com. Now the Car Doctor program is on Sunday morning from 11-noon. Listen online or tell your smart speaker to play WATD. You can also find podcasts of the live show on iTunes, Spotify, and other popular podcast sites.

My 2013 Honda CRV information screen is frozen and your suggestion of disconnecting the battery has caused the check engine light with the key in the "on" position to come on and blink 5 times, and then goes out. I have driven it over 200 miles and it still blinks. We ended up with a rejection sticker at inspection because of it. They told me to drive it 100 miles or so and it would stop blinking, which has not happened. What can I do?

Disconnecting the battery and jumping the cables together is Honda's method of rebooting the computer. This procedure clears the monitors, radio station presets, memory functions and some electronic gremlins. For the monitors to reset, generally normal driving gets everything back in order. Honda does have a procedure to speed up the process. First check all the vital fluids and the fuel tank should be between 1/4 and 3/4 full. Less than 1/4 or more than 3/4 the evaporative monitor will not test. This is the typical drive cycle for Honda/Acura vehicles. Start the engine and let the car idle for 20 seconds. Do not touch the accelerator. Rev the engine to 2000 RPM (careful not higher) for 3 minutes. The temperature should be at 1/3 of the scale or higher. Idle for 20 seconds again. Now it is time to drive, go to a highway and drive between 50-60mph for 20 minutes. You should be in drive and do not use cruise control. At some point coast for 90 seconds (take your foot off the accelerator). Now drive in city speeds city driving for 10 minutes, and during this time coast a bit. Once completed, shut the engine off for 30 minutes. Now if all the monitors are set the check engine light should come on for a few seconds and shut off when the key is in the on position. The EPA typically allows model year 2000 and older vehicles may have a maximum of two (2) Incomplete or not ready non-continuous monitors. 2001 and newer model year vehicles may have one (1) Incomplete or not ready non-continuous monitors. Even if you check engine light is flashing five times indicting not ready, if the check engine light is off, the car may still pass the emissions test.

MA Presidential Primary March 5

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party officers. Each party's state committee is allowed to elect one man and one woman from each of Massachusetts' 40 state senate districts.

In Quincy, which is entirely within the Norfolk & Plymouth District, the Democratic candidates are unopposed. Joel Buenaventura is running for state committee man and Sandra Merrick is running for state committee woman. Both are Quincy residents.

The Republican ballot includes a pair of contested

racers. Alexander Hagerty, an Abington selectman, is running against Gary Innes of Hanover for state committee man. Quincy residents Edith Hughes and Beth Veneto are running against each other for state committee woman.

No Libertarians are listed on the ballot in the committee races.

The Democratic and Republican ballots also include races for local ward committees. Up to 35 candidates may be elected to each ward committee, and voters have the option voting for the entire slate of candidates.

Life Line Health Screenings

Life Line Screening will host health screenings for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions March 14 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry St.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- Narrowing of the smaller arteries of your ankles and feet, called Peripheral

Arterial Disease

- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels

- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Applications Available For Edith H. MacDonald \$1,000 Scholarship

Applications are available for the Edith H. MacDonald Scholarship given by the Seaside Gardeners of Squantum.

Any high school senior currently living in Squantum and any relative of a member of the Seaside Gardeners planning to attend a two year or four year college is eligible for the \$1,000 award.

To be considered, applications must be postmarked by April 1st. Contact Laurie Kelliher at 617-797-3349 or email her at lauriekelliher@verizon.net.

Paint & Mocktail Night At North Quincy Library

The Thomas Crane Public Library will host a Paint & Mocktail Night Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the North Quincy branch library, 381 Hancock St., North Quincy.

The event is an alcohol-free version of a paint and sip! Supplies are limited. To register, visit the Crane Library website.

Note: Registering could result in your party being placed on a wait list. If that is the case, and we are able

to move you to the attendee list at some point, you will receive an email from us confirming your attendance at the event.

If you can no longer make it, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible so people on the waitlist have a chance to join. You can cancel through the registration email you received or call the North Quincy Library at (617) 376-1300 x8 to cancel.

Julia O'Leary On Dean's List

Julia O'Leary of Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall se-

mester at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT.

Correction

Because of erroneous information submitted to The Quincy Sun, a photo caption that appeared in the Feb. 8, 2024 issue of The Sun incorrectly stated that Claire

Fitzmaurice of Quincy is a member of Veterans for Peace. Fitzmaurice is not a veteran nor a member of Veterans for Peace. The Sun regrets the error.

OBITUARIES

Ronald F. Neary

Ronald F. Neary (Ronnie) died on Feb. 5, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. He passed away while listening to his favorite songs, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Boston on Jan. 7, 1964, to the late Arthur R. and Mary B. (Kiely) Neary. Ronald was raised in Wollaston, attended local schools, and graduated from North Quincy High School with the class of 1982. He was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church.

Ronnie was a dedicated employee of Stop and Shop supermarket and a union member for over 40 years until his retirement upon illness. He was a fixture in the produce department of many South Shore stores, making friends with co-workers as well as customers. Ronnie prided himself on customer service. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Affectionately called "Ro" by close family and friends, Ronnie was a gentle soul with a dry sense of humor, an infectious laugh and a love for family. He loved the Boston sports teams and had a love of music, dancing & amateur (spoof) movie making. He enjoyed track-



RONALD F. NEARY

ing our crazy New England weather patterns. Ro loved vacationing in Florida, Aruba & Cape Cod. In his youth, he enjoyed boating with his family who were members of the Squantum Yacht Club. He enjoyed bird watching and loved animals. Having a special place in his heart, Ronnie adored his cats Sully and the late Ginger.

Survived by his beloved brothers Arthur Neary and wife Maureen of Abington, Thomas Neary of Quincy, John Neary and wife Karen of Milton, Daniel Neary and partner Maria of Neptune City, New Jersey and beloved sister Linda Clark and husband Paul of Weymouth. He was cherished by many nieces, nephews and great nephews. Former brother-in-law to Carol Neary. Also survived by an Aunt Wanda

Kiely of Braintree and many cousins. Ronnie was loved and adored by his dearest cousin Lawrence (Larry) Kiely and wife Christine of Weymouth along with their children and Lauren (Kiely) Langley with whom he shared a special bond. Ronald will be forever in our hearts.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, 4-8 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, prior to the Funeral Mass celebrated at Divine Mercy Parish in St. Ann's Church, Quincy at 10:30 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Ronald's name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth, MA 02190 or to the charitable organization of one's choice.

Dante and Devin LaBelle, and Lauren and Julia Pollara.

The last of four siblings, he was predeceased by Albert LaBelle and his late wife Carol, Theodore LaBelle and his late wife Theresa, and Mary Knoll and her late husband Arthur.

Jack is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint Joseph Church, 550 Washington St., Quincy, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Inurnment, with military honors, to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Caring For A Cure, MGH Development Office, Attn: Caring For A Cure, 125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114, or by visiting <https://www.mass-general.org/cancer-center/everyday-amazing/caring-for-a-cure>.

Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Louis P. Malvesti, 100



LOUIS P. MALVESTI

and lifetime member of the Halifax Country Club where he made many friendships and was club champion many times. He had also worked at the former Westland's Sporting Goods Store in Quincy Center, setting ski bindings and stringing tennis rackets.

Most of all, he was dedicated to his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his cherished granddaughters and great granddaughters.

This past August, Lou celebrated his 100th birthday at the Common Market Restaurant at a wonderful party organized by his children, Louis and Janice. Lou was delighted to be in the company of his relatives and friends and a surprise visit by firefighters from Engine 5. He was sharp as a tack as he reminisced about his life, his family, and friends. He relished singing songs for the audience as well as serenading a couple who recently celebrated their seventy-third wedding anniversary.

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John T. LaBelle, Sr., 87

John T. "Jack" LaBelle, Sr., age 87, a longtime resident of Braintree, died peacefully, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family.

John was born in Lowell, to the late Mary and Theodore LaBelle. He was raised and educated in Dorchester and Quincy. He lived in Braintree for sixty years, previously in Quincy.

Jack was proud to have served in the United States Army during the early 1960s.

He began his career as a meat cutter working on Southamptton Street in Boston. He went to work as a maintenance technician for Stone & Webster for many years. He was known for his strong work ethic.

Jack was an avid fisherman. He also enjoyed working in his yard and tending to



JOHN T. LABELLE, SR.

his vegetable garden. Most of all, he was devoted to his family, especially his wife, children, and grandchildren, and enjoyed spending time with them.

Beloved husband for sixty years of Marcia C. (Duffy) LaBelle.

Devoted father of John T. LaBelle, Jr. of Braintree, Dr. Arthur J. LaBelle of Utah, and Kathleen A. Pollara of Braintree.

Loving grandfather of

Dante and Devin LaBelle, and Lauren and Julia Pollara.

The last of four siblings, he was predeceased by Albert LaBelle and his late wife Carol, Theodore LaBelle and his late wife Theresa, and Mary Knoll and her late husband Arthur.

Jack is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint Joseph Church, 550 Washington St., Quincy, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Inurnment, with military honors, to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Caring For A Cure, MGH Development Office, Attn: Caring For A Cure, 125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114, or by visiting <https://www.mass-general.org/cancer-center/everyday-amazing/caring-for-a-cure>.

Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Charles L. Guthrie, 78



CHARLES L. GUTHRIE

his wife Pam from the U.K. And his late beloved sister Mary Cosgrove, brothers, Paudge, Tom, Mickey, Brendan, and Brian. Also survived by many cherished nieces, nephews, relatives and a wide circle of friends. Suaimhneas siorai da anam uasal.

Charles L. "Charlie" Guthrie, aged 78 and longtime resident of Quincy, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024.

Charles was born in Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland, to Margaret (Brady) and Thomas Guthrie. Charles grew up in Ireland and moved to the US in 1987. Shortly thereafter he met Patricia Reidy, and they were married for 32 years.

Charles worked for the commuter rail and after 23 years of service, he retired. Cherished husband of 32 years to Patricia Guthrie (Reidy) of Quincy. Devoted father to Brian Guthrie and his wife Luisa of Lynn, and his daughter Mary Guthrie and her partner Neil of Dublin, Ireland. Grandfather to Daniel Guthrie and Katherine Guthrie. Loving brother to Kevin Guthrie and his wife Kathleen of Castlebar, Mayo, Ireland, his sister Ann Goldrick and her husband John of Charlestown, County Mayo, Ireland, and his brother John Guthrie and

(May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace)

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday, Feb. 16th, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Immediately following the visitation, a Funeral Mass will be held in St. Ann's Church, Quincy at 11 a.m. Charlie will be laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charlie may be made to a charity of your choice. Please see www.Keohane.com with directions or online condolences.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret C. Burke, 79

Margaret C. (Davis) Burke, age 79, of Quincy, died peacefully, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 at Hancock Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Margaret was born in Boston, to the late James Davis and Muriel (McDonough) Casey. Raised in Allston, she was a graduate of Brighton High School. She lived in Quincy for over fifty years, previously in Allston.

Margie was a homemaker who was devoted to her family, especially her children.

Margie was an avid reader, an avid Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins fan, and enjoyed the music of Bob Marley.

Devoted mother of Robert E. Burke, Jr. and his wife Carla of Quincy, Maria Barrett and her husband Thom-



MARGARET C. BURKE

as of Weymouth, David M. Burke and his fiancée Julie Gravina of Plymouth, and Philip J. Burke of Brockton.

Loving grandmother of twins Brittany Golden and Carlton Burke, and Lillian Burke.

Dear sister of Robert Casey, David Casey, and Paul Davis, and predeceased by Jimmy Davis, William Davis, Philip Davis, and Marie Davis.

Dear lifelong friend of Sandy O'Connor of Watertown.

Former wife of the late Robert E. Burke.

Margie is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Sunday, Feb. 11. Cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Margaret's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Vincent M. DiMattio, 82

Vincent Michael DiMattio, 82, son of the late Nibley Ross DiMattio and Siponte (Eleanor) Manzello was born Feb. 4, 1941 in Quincy, Massachusetts. Vincent attended Quincy High School and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art. He received his Masters degree (MFA) from Southern Illinois University. After teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, he moved to Monmouth University where he later became department chair and spent over 50 years as both a creator and professor of art. In 2013, an art gallery in the Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall was dedicated as the DiMattio Gallery. Vincent was awarded the honorary title Professor Emeritus of Art and Design from Monmouth University. "I'm the luckiest man to be able to come to this beautiful campus every day to work." Vincent passed away on Jan.



VINCENT M. DIMATTIO

17, 2024 after a courageous battle with kidney disease.

Vincent was a world traveler, sponsoring study abroad programs for his art students. Professor DiMattio was known for his open-door policy as well as his (somewhat unorthodox) teaching practices. A trusted mentor, he positively affected many of the aspiring artists he both challenged and motivated.

As an artist, Vincent has been widely exhibited and has been featured in multiple publications. He was

remarkably prolific, driven by his curiosity and desire to push the boundaries of his art. He was inspired by the natural world around him as well as by human nature. Vincent found beauty and utility in cast-off objects and materials and created ways to give them new life.

Vincent was predeceased by his brothers Michael, Stephen, Harold, sister MaryAnn, and cherished son, Cole Stephen DiMattio. He is survived by his beloved wife Deborah, his daughter Shaana Niessen, son-in-law Kevin, granddaughter Claire, his daughter Olivia DiMattio and her fiancée Lourdes Canale, his daughter-in-law Laura and grandson Athan, his sister Phyllis Clark of Braintree, MA, his nephews Joseph and Michael, and many other nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. It will be awesome!

Louis E. DiDonatis, 97

Louis E. DiDonatis, age 97, a lifelong resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024 at Alliance Health at Marina Bay, in the comfort of his loving family.

Louis was born, raised and educated in Quincy. He was a graduate of Quincy High School.

He worked at the former Quincy City Hospital in food service for over forty years.

Louis was a member of the Torre Dei Passeri Social Club in Quincy.

He was an avid baseball and football fan. Louis also enjoyed reading.

Beloved son of the late



LOUIS E. DIDONATIS

Emidio and Mary (Colella) DiDonatis.

Dear brother of Adrienne C. Clarke and her longtime companion Ed Webby

of Quincy, Alice Boyson and her husband Arthur of Braintree, and the late Elia Mariani and her late husband Joseph.

Louis was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

At the request of the family, funeral services were private. Interment took place at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

For those who wish, donations in Louis' memory may be made to Torre Dei Passeri Social Club, 252 Washington St., MA 02169.

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Richard C. Comeau, 86

Richard C. Comeau, of Quincy, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024. He was 86.

Richard was born in Boston on Jan. 16, 1938 and was the son of the late Charles and Madge (Doherty) Comeau. He was raised in Savin Hill, attended local schools, and graduated from Dorchester High School.

Richard was the beloved husband of Helen C. (Kelly) Comeau of Quincy. The two married on May 4, 1963, in St. Catherine of Siena in Charlestown. Together they shared 61 loving years of marriage. He was the devoted father of Richard J. Comeau and his wife Ginger of Pembroke, Christine Bander and her husband John of Hingham, John Comeau of Quincy, Patricia Mahoney and her husband Tom of Braintree, Sheila Callow and her husband Brian of Hanover, Brian Comeau of Chelmsford, and Julie MacDonald and her husband Brian of Braintree. Richard was the loving Papa of 18 grandchildren, and enjoyed attending all of their sports and school events. He was the brother of Leo Comeau of Quincy, the late Ellen Heanue, and the late Mary Turner. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Richard enjoyed golf in retirement and was a member of Presidents Golf course. He loved Cape Cod and was always the last one to leave the beach. Richard enjoyed Saturday night dinners and vacations to Ber-



RICHARD C. COMEAU

employee at the Boston Globe mailroom. He was a proud former member of Boston Mailers Union Local #1. Richard enjoyed his many friendships he had at the Globe, especially with his closest friend, George Betts of Weymouth.

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muda and Ireland with his loving wife, Helen.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, 4-8 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, prior to the Funeral Mass at Divine Mercy Parish in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy at 10 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

Memorial contributions may be sent in Richard's name to The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation, P.O. Box 320310, West Roxbury, MA 02132, TAX ID# 71-0876849 or Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St., W. Bridgewater, MA 02379-1022.

Leonard F. Zizzo, 90

Leonard "Lennie" Francis Zizzo, 90, of Quincy, died Feb. 11, 2024. Originally from Medford, Lennie was the youngest of five children born to the late Francisco and Francesca (Morana) Zizzo. Lennie worked for over 20 years at the Brockton VA Medical Center as a Certified Nurse's Aide, and upon retirement as a dedicated employee of Trucchi's Supermarkets in West Bridgewater for many years.

Lennie will be remembered for his strong work ethic, kind, generous spirit,



LEONARD F. ZIZZO

and sweet demeanor. He enjoyed going on long walks, talking about his family, collecting sports memorabilia,

scratching lottery tickets, and following sports teams, especially the Boston (now Atlanta) Braves. He was loved by all who knew him.

Devoted husband of 60 years to Ellen (Banda). Loving father of Charles and his wife Ruth and Leonard and his wife Erin. Proud grandfather of Anthony, Sophia, Chloe, and Zachary. Dear brother of sisters Angie and Marguerite, predeceased by brothers Anthony and Vincent. Also survived by an extended family including many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend his visiting hours on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock St., Quincy. Catholic prayer service Friday, February 16 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a procession to Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

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SAM ABRAHAMOVICH



AVERY ABRAHAMOVICH

QNT Ski Team Competes In In AJ McEachern Memorial Race

The QNT race team has heated up during the second half of the season.

On Feb. 4th they participated in the AJ McEachern Memorial race at Ragged Mountain. This was a combination race, which had the athletes skiing a Giant Slalom course in the morning

and a Slalom course in the afternoon. Racers enjoyed competing in both disciplines. Senior Captain Avery Abrahamovich finished sixth for girls in the Giant Slalom.

The first official full slalom race of the season was held at Blue Hills on Feb.

7th. Slalom is the more difficult discipline in ski racing, where skiers must maintain speed while skiing technically challenging gate combinations.

QNT racers had an outstanding showing for their first slalom course. Two female racers both had their best race of the season. Abrahamovich finished in 5th. Sophomore Thea Bandzak finished with her career-best 23rd place.

Male racers finished strong with freshman Sam Abrahamovich in 41st, Senior Captain Lito Breslin in 52nd, Sophomore Tristan Andre in 53rd and freshman Henry Gates in 59th.

The final race at Ragged Mountain in New Hampshire will be held on Feb. 10th, followed by a JV race at Blue Hills on Feb. 13th. The MIAA State Championship, which racers qualify for by finishing strong throughout the season, will be held at Wachusett Mountain this year on Feb. 27th.

The QNT roster consists of 17 racers from both Quincy High School and



EAMON PINT (Courtesy Photos)

North Quincy High School. The team includes senior captains Avery Abrahamovich, Lito Breslin, Faye Fitzpatrick, Lucy McLaughlin, Nina Smith and Junior Max Gaudiano as well as Samuel Abrahamovich, Tristan Andre, Thea Bandzak, Jacquelyn Ferrara, Meah Fitzpatrick, Henry Gates, Katherine Manning, Molly McLaughlin, Niamh O'Neill, Eamon Pint, Brooklyn Geary and Sophia Johnston.

February 7th, 2024		Slalom	Blue Hills
Place	Girls Racer		RUN 1
5	Avery	Abrahamovich	37.01
23	Thea	Bandzak	47.49

Place	Boys Racer		RUN 1
41	Sam	Abrahamovich	48.69
52	Lito	Breslin	52.45
53	Tristan	Andre	53.01
59	Henry	Gates	67.81
75	Max	Gaudiano	DSQ

* DSQ: Disqualification

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Docket No. NO23P2307EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Robert J. Largey
Date of Death:
05/07/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:
Natalie C. Logan, Esq. of Quincy, MA

requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 3/06/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 30, 2024

COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

2/15/24

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. NO24P0097EA
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Division

35 Shawmut Road

Canton, MA 02021

(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Alma Shore

Also Known As:

Alma R. Shore

Date of Death:

November 30, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner Brenda S. Shore of Braintree, MA.

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brenda S. Shore of Braintree, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

2/15/24



QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY boys 4 x 200 relay team will compete in the Div. 2 Championships Friday, Feb. 16 at the Reggie Lewis Center. From left to right: Jonas Ala, Adrian Pena, Jayden Francois and Nate Sampson. The team clocked a season-best time of 1:37.27 (8th place) at the Patriot League Championships at the Track at New Balance Feb. 10. More track results in the Feb. 22nd issue of The Quincy Sun.

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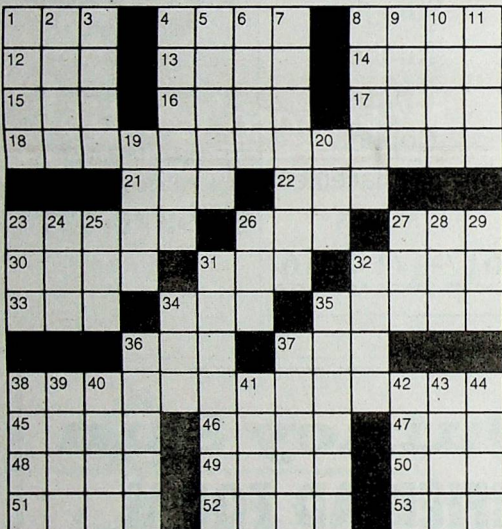
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
4 React in horror
8 Pitcher Nolan
12 Flamenco cheer
13 Genesis shepherd
14 Spanish greeting
15 Squealer
16 Drive -- win-dow
17 "-- the picture!"
18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
21 Rowing tool
22 Expert
23 Japanese verse
26 Glutton
27 Ultramodernist
30 Rhine feeder
31 Golf prop
32 Basketball tactic
33 Tibetan beast
34 4, on a phone
35 Dollar divisions
- 36 Observe
37 Texter's chuckle
38 Where something is created
45 QB Tony
46 Ocho --, Jamaica
47 Hollywood's Thurman
48 Country singer Jackson
49 Gaelic
50 Fuel stat
51 Partner
52 Bump into
53 Sound from a hot wok
- 10 Mr. Guinness
11 Post-WWII alliance
19 Pepsi rival
20 URL ending
23 Stable diet?
24 Small battery
25 Annoy
26 JFK Library architect
27 Convent resident
28 Tolkien creature
29 Approves
31 Math statement
32 Sub shop
34 "My word!"
35 Waist-cinching garment
36 Tea biscuit
37 Unfettered
38 Baby carriage
39 "Damn Yankees" role
40 Latin 101 word
41 Blaze
42 Periodontist's concern
43 Rapsallions
44 Kvetches

DOWN

- 1 McEnroe's rival
2 Winged
3 Transcending (Pref.)
4 Fancy cake
5 Loathe
6 Lowly worker
7 Fruit-filled dessert
8 Horned beast
9 Meditative practice
- 36 Observe
37 Texter's chuckle
38 Where something is created
45 QB Tony
46 Ocho --, Jamaica
47 Hollywood's Thurman
48 Country singer Jackson
49 Gaelic
50 Fuel stat
51 Partner
52 Bump into
53 Sound from a hot wok



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MAGIC MAZE

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KHEBYVSPRET TUMJ
HEBYVTQOALHIGDB
YWTRPMKITFDSPMU
BYWUSQGN IHCRAOS
MKIFDBZNFSYARSM
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WVTSRQPNDGLGNUR
LKIHFECBZLAOART
YWVUSRQPIYAWRIA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: Falling Condensed Moisture

- Ages Ashes Ratified Rung
Airway Illness Rays Umps
Arching Itched Reams Utter
Art Ranger Rolling

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purse is different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Lapel is higher. 4. Hair is different. 5. Saucer is missing. 6. Name tag is higher.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?

7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischievous. Mayhem. Soap."?
10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

Answers
1. "Outer Banks."
2. 2004.
3. David Bowie.
4. England.
5. An ostentation or a pride.
6. BMW.
7. Id est (that is).
8. The Labyrinth.
9. "Fight Club."
10. 37.

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S T U T P N E C E E R A S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put that restless Arian surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you down a new career path.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Also, continue to exercise financial restraint.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend might try to advise you against a poten-

tially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear them out before you decide.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. In addition, someone close to you seeks your counsel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What goes around comes around as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can observe people and situations with absolute honesty. You'd be a fine social worker, psychoanalyst or member of the clergy.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals H

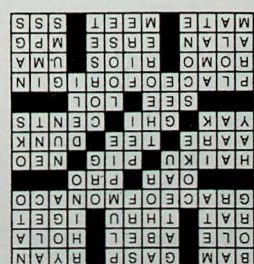
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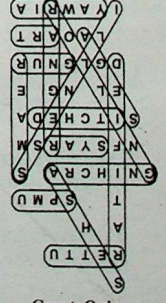
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



CryptoQuip

answer

crow.
I'd call that a skeleton remained at the cemetery.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – The children of four-time “Superman” Christopher Reeve bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father’s passing at the age of 52. The documentary follows his rise to fame through 1995, when he was thrown from a horse, breaking two vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played Katharine Hepburn’s grandson on Broadway in “A Matter of Gravity.” He also starred in the soap “Love of Life” and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap. The photos and story ran in Soap Opera Digest, and I invited him to stay in my guest room in Hollywood if he ever needed to.

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in “Gray Lady Down” with Charlton Heston and Rosemary Forsyth, and he became my house guest. I shot new photos of him, and two of them were sent to the producers of the upcoming “Superman” movie, who saw the jawline of the future “Man of Steel” in my photographs.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become “Superman” for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as “Somewhere in Time” (1980). In 2006, despite having partial paralysis and being in a wheel chair, he directed and executively produced the computer-animated sports comedy “Everyone’s Hero,” with the voices of Rob Reiner, William H. Macy, Raven-Symone and Whoopi Gold-

berg. Christopher truly was a super man!

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com “Anyone but You” passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film “Hit Man” (due June 7) and the disaster film “Twisters” with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for “Huntington,” which was inspired by the 1949 British comedy “Kind Hearts and Coronets.” It starred Sir Alec Guinness (Obi-Wan Kenobi from “Star Wars”).

Both Margot Robbie and Greta Gerwig of “Barbie” were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay – and Robbie as a producer of “Barbie.”

In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for “Lady Bird” (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for “Little Women” (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for “I, Tonya” (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for “Bombshell” (2019).

“Oscar” is not a person who snubs anyone! He’s comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ***

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
*** GO FIGURE!

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Insightful Labels — Brass inlaid inkstands were not a rarity in Victorian times. This one recently sold for \$188 at New Orleans Auction Galleries. It features a brass handle, two compartments for ink pots and a stamp box in the center. If you turn it upside down, you can see a nearly intact paper label on the base. The original paper label adds value to an antique. It also provides useful information, often more than just a mark.

A label can tell you the name and possibly the address of the maker or retailer. This inkstand was made by “L. Leuchars, Writing & Dressing Case Maker,” located at “38 Piccadilly, London.” The label mentions the maker also made “Ink Stands, Chess Men, Tea Chests” and “Work Boxes,” and it includes a crest with a crown showing a royal warrant “To Her Majesty and the Royal Family.” An online search for “L. Leuchars” brought up Lucy Leuchars, the widow of James Leuchars, who took over his business. Later, when their son joined the business, it was called “Leuchars & Son.” The royal warrant was issued in 1837, the first year of Queen Victoria’s reign.

Q: I have many Barbie dolls and collectibles, Ertl metal tractors that were my husband’s and airplane banks that I’d like to sell. TITLE: None of my great-grandchildren seem to be interested. Do you have a price list that tells what I might be able to sell them for?

A: Old toys sell at house sales, estate sales and garage sales. The price you can get depends on rarity and condition. Parents buy them for their children to play with and may even buy the toy if it’s in worn “used” condition if the price is right. Adult collectors look for vintage Barbie dolls, banks

and farm toys in good condition. Prices for toys are listed in our latest price book, Kovels’ Antiques & Collectibles Price List 2023. You can also check eBay and other online sources to see what toys like yours have sold for. Be sure to check “Sold” prices, not asking prices. Barbie dolls sell for \$12 or less to a few hundred dollars or more. Barbie’s clothing and accessories sell for a variety of prices. Ertl tractors in used condition sell for \$25 or less. Some in good condition sell for \$60 to a few hundred dollars. A 1920’s aluminum “Spirit of Saving” airplane bank commemorating Lindbergh’s flight sold for \$480 recently. It was in near mint condition.

TIP: The longer the cylinder on an old music box, the higher the price.

CURRENT PRICES

- Porcelain-Asian, bowl, blue underglaze garden scene, peony flowers, ivory ground, soft paste, short foot, six-character Chenghua mark, Vietnam, 4 3/4 inches, \$360.
- Blanket, Navajo, double saddle, cream field, light brown, pink, 16 Valero stars, eight feathers, early 20th century, 30 x 53 1/2 inches, \$750.

Chair, Fritz Hansen, beechwood frame, blue wool-blend upholstery, butterfly back, pillow, open sculptural arms, c. 1950, 40 x 27 x 35 inches, \$1,600.

Jewelry, necklace, arts & crafts, three multicolor enamel plaques, five amethyst cabochons, two freshwater cultured pearls, gold chain, marked, James Cromar Watt, 1910s, 15 3/4 inches, \$5,850.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

A bit of trivia ...

- 1) What is the largest lake in Canada?
- 2) What is the largest lake in the U.S.?
- 3) What is the largest lake in the world?

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Strange BUT TRUE

• Researchers have developed an algorithm that transforms complex data into musical sounds.

• In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were “nonhuman creatures” and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.

• An ostrich can run faster than a horse.

• Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won’t have to touch anything.

• Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun’s position.

• Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, “They’ll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run,” he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.

• Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his “invulnerability” by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.

• A 2018 study found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5%.

Thought for the Day:

“Don’t say you don’t have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.” — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• From L.D.W. in Illinois: “When I have a recipe, I put all the ingredients on the counter, and as I use each one, I put it away. My daughter and daughter-in-law like the idea, as they at one time or another forget an item.” I like that one, too. L.D.W. A well-prepared cook makes a delicious meal.

• “To wrap a baby gift in unforgettable gift wrap, circle the announcement in the paper with a colorful marker, then use the newsprint to wrap your package. It has always gotten rave reviews from recipients.” — R.L. in Virginia

• Another reason to get the newspaper: Crushed newspaper makes a great rag for shining windows in your home and in the car. No lint left behind!

• “When thickening soup, don’t overlook instant potato mix. It’s perfect for making a thin broth into a nice, thick stew sauce, and it’s pretty cheap. It only takes a couple of tablespoons.” — I.F. in Utah

• Want delicious fried chicken crust but not the dripping oil? Baste chicken pieces with mayonnaise, then dredge in crushed cracker crumbs mixed with a bit of flour. Bake and enjoy.

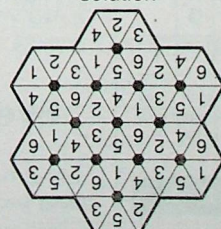
• If your plastic food containers develop an unpleasant odor, never fear: Scrub with a paste of baking soda and lemon juice. Rinse and air-dry.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Sticklers Answer

Go Figure!

answers

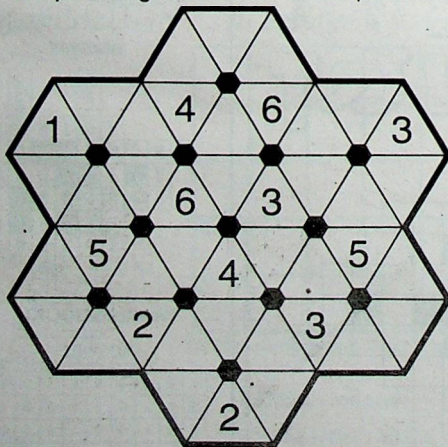
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2	6	8
+	+	+
4	8	4
-	-	-
1	7	2
+	+	+
30	3	6
+	+	+
1	1	1

- 1) Lake Superior
- 2) Lake Superior
- 3) The Caspian Sea

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE
FANTASY

ACROSS

- 1 Not quite first-rate
7 "Patience — virtue"
10 Car tankful
13 Collie of TV
19 Cattle farm of the West
20 Trumpet blast
22 Singer and actor Frankie
23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
24 Element #3
25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
26 Start of a riddle
29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —
31 Amo, — amas, —
32 "Addams Family" cousin
35 Riddle, part 2
43 Faint smell
45 Foldout bed
46 Co-workers of MDs
47 Stalactite site
48 Florence's river
49 Total amount
51 "Scram!"

DOWN

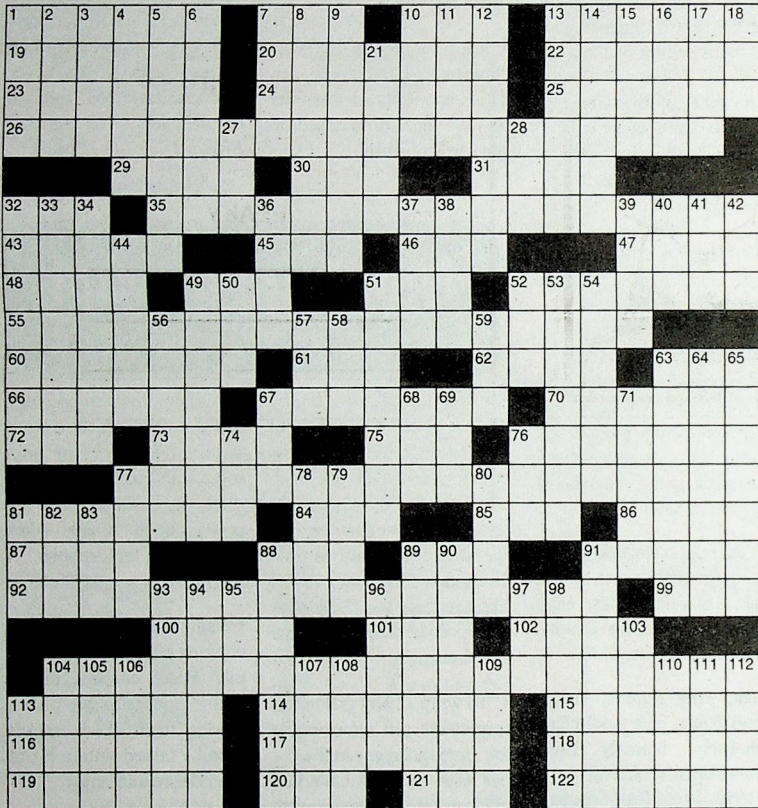
- 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
55 Riddle, part 3
60 Brief promos
62 Pop's Celine
63 See 58-Down
66 Bullfighter
67 Riddle, part 4
70 Put a new front on, as a building
72 Unbroken
73 Recognized
75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
76 Famously feisty fish
77 Riddle, part 5
81 Oval shape
84 Dejected
85 "Who am — judge?"
86 Secret writing
87 Postal pieces
88 Detectives like TV's
89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
91 Very long time periods
92 End of the riddle
99 Disloyal type

ACROSS

- 9 Lure for insect extermination
10 The earth as a goddess
11 Cut — (dance)
12 Pago Pago people
13 "Meteor" actor Martin
14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
15 Long, involved story
16 Shut loudly
17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
18 Grammy winner Brian
21 "— the breaks!"
27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
32 "Let me!"
33 Bases-loaded situation
34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
36 Peak natives
37 Chicago daily, in brief
38 Global: Abbr.
39 Mark for life
40 Easter meat
41 Adam's mate

DOWN

- 42 — Moines
44 Bob of choreography
49 Tahitian skirts
50 Package delivery co.
51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
52 Chi follower
53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
54 Taxonomic subdivisions
56 Become lively
57 Cheer yell
58 With 63-Across, for the time being
59 See 75-Across
63 Oven used to bake naan
64 Spiny ant eater
65 Most unkind
67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
68 Pooch's yap
69 Big blue body
71 Genre of many sitcoms
74 Wide shoe spec
76 Mining shaft
77 Higher ground?
78 "You wish!"
79 Condé —
80 User-edited website
81 Rescue squad VIP
82 "— di-dahl!"
83 False story
88 Projecting curves on saddles
89 By the day
90 Huffington of HuffPost
91 So to speak
93 Wise-acting
94 Thick-skinned critters
95 Day, in Chile
96 Study guys
97 Abbr. on a bad check
98 End a vacation
103 Mother-of-pearl
104 Surfing need
105 Cake finisher
106 Holy Week's time
107 Eldest of the Brady boys
108 Helper: Abbr.
109 For fear that
110 Half a train track
111 — gin fizz
112 Camp shelter
113 Yank's rival



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: Whatever happened to Antonio Sabato Jr.? I saw that his character is back on "General Hospital," but being played by a different actor. — K.W.

A: Antonio Sabato Jr. recently expressed his disappointment on social media about not being asked to return to the daytime soap "General Hospital" in the 30 years since he departed it. He theorizes that his conservative political views aren't in alignment with Hollywood's and that he's been blacklisted from the ABC soap. For whatever undisclosed reason, the soap recently recast the role he originated — John "Jagger" Cates — with actor Adam J. Harrington.

Q: How is Wendy Williams doing since her talk show was canceled? Is she in good health? — K.J.

A: Wendy Williams was fired from her own syndicated weekday talk show in 2022 and replaced with Sherri Shepherd. Executives reportedly made the decision after not hearing from Williams for months and having 16 different hosts on rotation to fill her chair before ultimately choosing Shepherd. Toward the end of Williams' very successful career, first in radio and then in television, she was reportedly

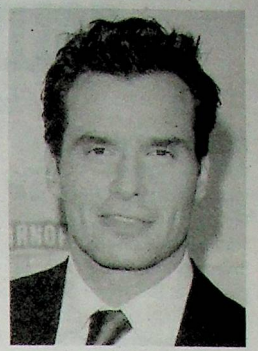
battling addiction and entered rehab. She was also appointed a guardian by a judge. Recently, Williams produced a two-part documentary about her recent struggles, which will premiere on Lifetime on Feb. 24. In a preview, she talks about her health issues, but a relative is also shown confronting her for possibly downing a bottle of vodka in one day.

There are also hints of other health issues besides alcohol abuse, such as a known thyroid disorder called Graves disease. One of her family members tells the camera that Williams is "losing [her] memory" and "anyone can look at her and tell this is not just alcohol; there's something more going on."

Since the film is produced by Williams and features those who love her, it's probably not the most objective documentary, but it will at least give fans a glimpse into her life and how she's been faring. She still has a huge fanbase who cares for her, but her future in show business remains uncertain.

Q: Is Catherine O'Hara going to be in a new show or movie anytime soon? I loved her in "Schitt's Creek" and still watch the reruns. — B.B.

A: While Catherine O'Hara has been making audiences roar with laughter since her "Second City Television" sketch-comedy days almost 50 years ago, she reached the pinnacle of her fame playing Moira Rose in "Schitt's Creek." The Canadian comedy



Antonio Sabato Jr.
("General Hospital")

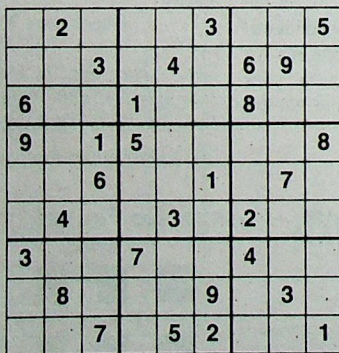
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series gained a huge following when it arrived on Netflix, and now at the age of almost 70, O'Hara is busier than ever. She's currently in the movie "Argyle," starring Henry Cavill and Bryce Dallas Howard, and you can still catch her in the Netflix film "Pain Hustlers" with Emily Blunt and Chris Evans. However, it's her upcoming role in the highly anticipated second season of HBO's "The Last of Us" that has people talking. No further details have been announced about her role. Production for the new season is set to begin this spring, but the series likely won't air on HBO and Max until 2025.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

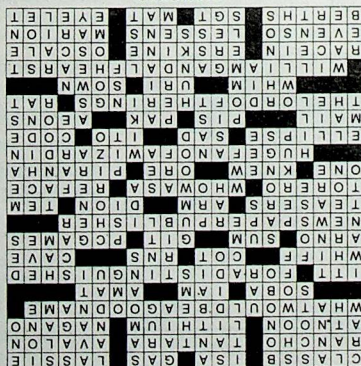
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers



Even Exchange

answers

1. Burner, Burger
2. Pluto, Plato
3. Caught, Taught
4. React, Reach
5. Elder, Elmer
6. Ponder, Powder
7. Smock, Shock
8. Quiet, Quilt
9. Carson, Carton
10. Forget, Forged

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

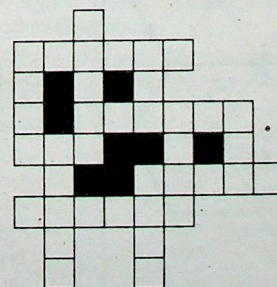
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Bunsen's apparatus | — — — — — N — — | Fast-food order | — — — — — G — — |
| 2. Am I a planet or not? | — — — — — U — — | Early philosopher | — — — — — A — — |
| 3. Held on to the baseball | C — — — — — | Instilled a lesson | T — — — — — |
| 4. Behave in response | — — — — — T — — | Span | — — — — — H — — |
| 5. Senior | — — — — — D — — | Mr. Fudd | — — — — — M — — |
| 6. Think about | — — — — — N — — | Face dust | — — — — — W — — |
| 7. Painter's garment | — — — — — M — — | Volt jolt | — — — — — H — — |
| 8. Shhhhhhh | — — — — — E — — | Patchwork cover | — — — — — L — — |
| 9. Kit or Johnny | — — — — — S — — | Milk holder | — — — — — T — — |
| 10. Fail to recall | — — — — — T — — | Faked a signature | — — — — — D — — |

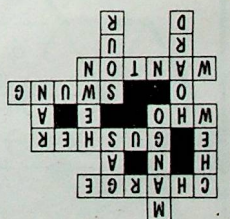
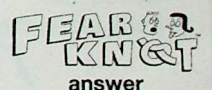
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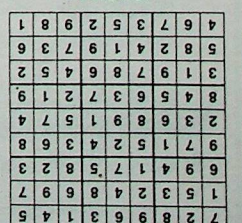


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



Weekly SUDOKU

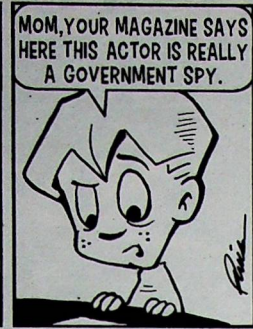
Answer



Amber Waves



MOM, YOUR MAGAZINE SAYS HERE THIS ACTOR IS REALLY A GOVERNMENT SPY.



OH HONEY, REMEMBER YOU CAN'T JUST BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ.



NOW FINISH YOUR HISTORY HOMEWORK. YOU HAVE A LOT OF READING TO DO.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb



NOW WE'RE GOING TO SLOW THINGS DOWN.

CARE TO DANCE?

SID THE SNAIL MAKES HIS MOVE

by Gary Kopervas

Americanisms



"We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching."
— Roy L. Smith

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



OK, YOU GOTTA MAKE UP YOUR MIND. DON'T EMBARRASS YOU OR BE MYSELF?



Is Pet Sitting a Profitable Career?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm a high school student and I'm thinking about what kind of career I'd like to have after I graduate three years from now. I'm not sure college is for me, and I like being around pets — my family has two dogs and a cat, and I have a flopped rabbit. I've heard that pet sitting is a good business to be in. Is this true? Can I do that instead of college? — Caryn H., Fort Walton Beach, Florida

DEAR CARYN: Pet sitting is a huge and growing market, because almost every owner is going to need someone to watch their pet at some point. So, it's certainly worth considering as a career. You can start your own pet-sitting business or go to work for

someone else. This is a job that requires responsibility and self-discipline, because people are entrusting you with their pets. You have to show up at the agreed-upon time, follow the owners' instructions to the letter, and make sure their pets remain happy and healthy. If dog-walking is part of the job, you've got to keep them under control and away from conflicts with other dogs. You've got to stay healthy, because a sick day is not an option unless you have someone to cover for you. Start by visiting the websites of two major pet-sitting organizations: Pet Sitters International (petsit.com) and the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (petsitters.org). They offer resources, certifications and more. Talk to your parents and your school guidance counselor about your interest. They'll support you and help you explore this career option.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from PEAKY to PARIS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PEAKY

PARIS

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Native
ITCHEN

Dismay
LAMAR

Give
ATONED

Force
IPOEMS

TODAY'S WORD



"You didn't let me finish — it's YOUR _____ who is coming to visit us!"

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
- 1 Sip cider noisily
- 6 Bone of the lower leg
- 7 "___ and Ivory" (McCartney/Wonder single)
- 8 Clean, as a flash drive
- 9 "Bye for now!"

1	2	3	4	5
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- 2 Virgo follower
- 3 Lusitania's sinker
- 4 Rid of suds
- 5 Single-___ healthcare

Down

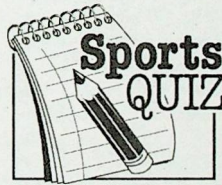
- 1 Durable building material.



Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of February 19, 2024

- 19-Feb: "Einstein and the Bomb" (Docudrama) — Netflix
- 20-Feb: "Mike Epps: Ready to Sell Out" (Comedy Special) — Netflix
- 20-Feb: "Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken" (PG) — Netflix
- 21-Feb: "Messi's World Cup: The Rise of a Legend" (Docuseries) — AppleTV+
- 21-Feb: "The Family Stallone" (Season 2) — Paramount+
- 21-Feb: "Constellation" (Season 1) — AppleTV+
- 22-Feb: "Death in the Dorms" (Season 2) — Hulu
- 23-Feb: "Mea Culpa" (R) — Netflix
- 23-Feb: "Jenny Slate: Seasoned Professional" (Comedy Special) — Prime Video
- 24-Feb: "The 30th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards" (Livestream) — Netflix

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What college athletic conference produced both the men's and women's NCAA soccer champions in 2021?
2. Name the brothers, known for their violent style of play, who were teammates on the Montreal Canadiens in the 1920s and died within days of each other in 1956.

1946-51?

5. On Sept. 7, 2021, what Tampa Bay Rays rookie reached base safely for the 37th consecutive game, passing Mickey Mantle's 36-game on-base streak for a player age 20 or younger?

6. Name the Canadian men's figure skater who won silver medals at the 1994 Lillehammer and 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics.
7. In what Nintendo Entertainment System video game included basketball teams named the New York Eagles, Los Angeles Breakers, Boston Frogs and Chicago Ox?

Answers

1. The ACC, with Clemson (men) and Florida State (women).
2. Sprague and Odie Cleghorn.
3. Mark Martin.
4. Joe Kirkwood Jr.
5. Wander Franco.
6. Elvis Stojko.
7. "Double Dribble."

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Micro Crossword

Answer

R	E	T	A	L
S	E	R	A	S
Y	O	N	E	B
A	I	B	T	I
P	R	L	S	U

WORD LADDER

Answer
PARKS, PARTS, PARIS, PEAKY, PERKY, PERKS,

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- MOTHER
- Today's Word
3. Donate; 4. Impose
1. Ethnic 2. Alarm

Quincy Boys Down North Quincy In OT, 68-64

By TOM JOYCE

Four quarters were not enough to determine the outcome of this one.

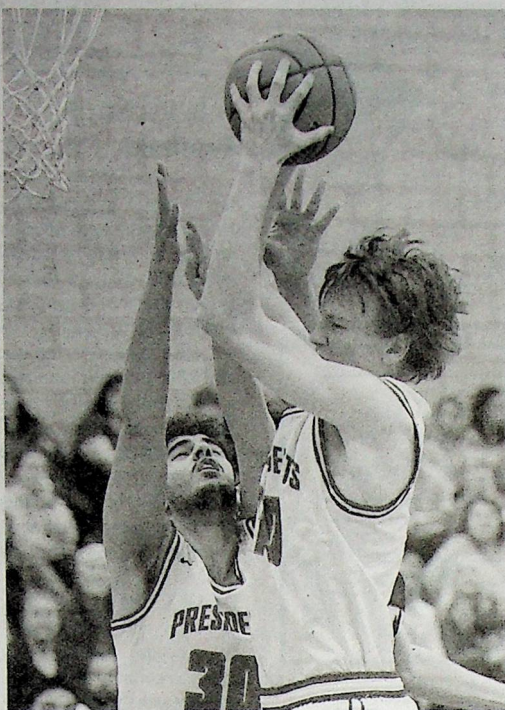
It took five for the Quincy High boys' basketball team to enact revenge on its in-city rival, the North Quincy Raiders.

After losing to the Raiders earlier in the season, the Presidents defeated their rival at home in overtime last Friday night. The Presidents won the game 68-64. With the win, the Presidents improved to 5-13 on the season; with the loss, the Raiders fell to 4-12.

Though the Presidents prevailed in overtime against the Raiders, their opponent came close to pulling off a comeback despite trailing by 14 points to start the fourth quarter.

That's because the Presidents were dominant in the third quarter. The first half was a near stalemate; the Raiders went into halftime up by one point, 29-28. However, that lead would not last.

After the two sides traded baskets to start the second half, the Presidents pulled away with a 13-0 run. Mohamad Tarjali started it off with a layup, Malcolm McMorow kept it going with a free-throw, and Shawn Perry added a three-pointer to give the Presidents a 36-31 advantage. Then, Perry hit another three-pointer, and both Manny Aguayo and Danny Adams (24 points) hit layups, putting the Presidents up 43-31. Adams capped off the run with a free-throw.



QUINCY SOPHOMORE forward Malcolm McMorow grabs a rebound for the Presidents as teammate senior center Mohamad Tarjali also defends Quincy's basket.

The Presidents led 48-34 at the end of three quarters.

However, the Raiders erased that 14-point lead over the next eight minutes, forcing overtime. Though the Presidents led 54-40 with six minutes remaining, the Raiders flipped the script with a 12-0 run, making it a two-point game with 2:30 remaining in regulation. Hunter Wood started the run with back-to-back layups. Then Kobe Nguyen (26 points) hit a layup, and Wood sank a free-throw. A three-pointer from Nguyen with 3:06 left in regulation

helped close the gap, and about 30 seconds later, a finger roll layup from Aiden Burris made it a two-point game, 54-52.

While a three-point play from Burris with 1:43 remaining -- a layup and a free-throw -- gave the Raiders a two-point lead, and a layup shortly after from AJ Arrazola put the team up 60-56. That lead would not last.

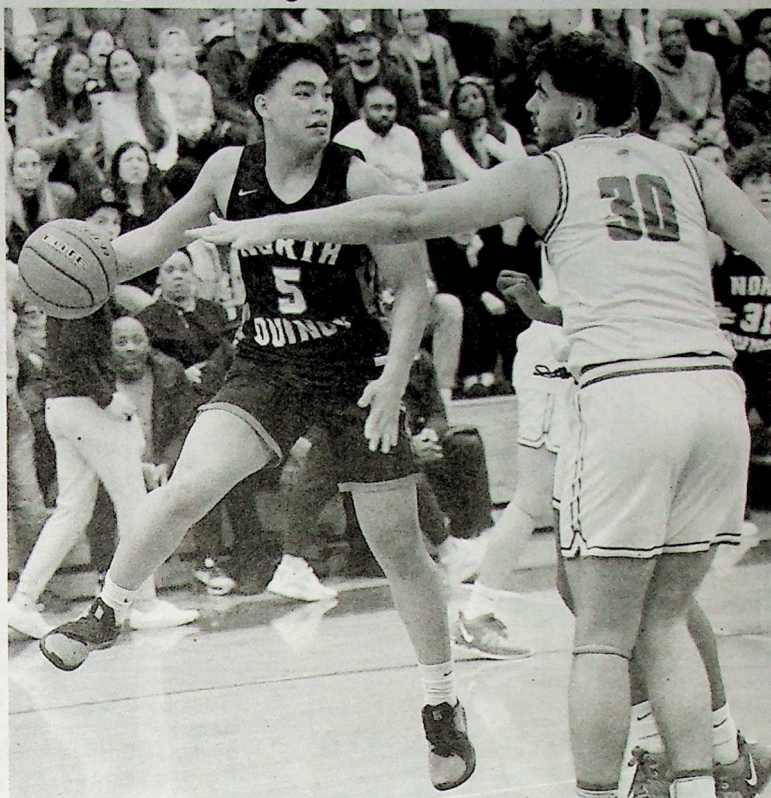
Tarjali hit a shot under the basket for the Presidents, and Aguayo hit a game-tying layup with 1:05 left in regulation after grabbing an offensive rebound. In the final minute, the two sides traded two free throws; Arrazola hit two, and Tarjali hit two, making it a 62-62 game going into overtime.

The Presidents outscored their foe 6-2 in overtime, though the points would not come easy. Aguayo hit a go-ahead layup in traffic with 2:14 left of the four-minute overtime quarter, giving the Presidents a 64-62 edge. Burris tied the game for the Raiders 14 seconds later, hitting a pair of free throws.

With 1:23 left in overtime, Adams gave the Presidents a 65-64 advantage after hitting a free-throw. He then added two more with 43.5 seconds left, extending the team's lead to three points. And Perry added one more point at the free-throw line with three seconds left to make it 68-64 Presidents.

The first time these two teams played each other this season, it was also a competitive game. However, the Raiders edged out the Presidents 71-65 in their meeting at North Quincy High School on Friday, January 19.

The win over the Raiders last Friday night was the third overtime win of the season for the Presidents so far as of the start of this week. It also meant that most of the team's five wins

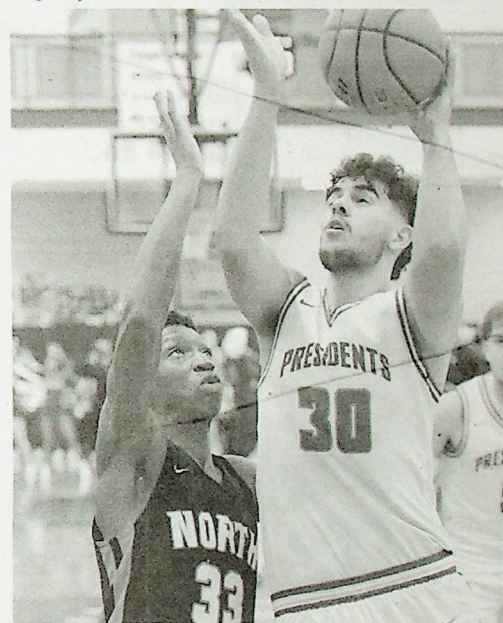


NORTH QUINCY junior guard AJ Arrazola looks for a teammate to pass to against the Quincy Presidents. Quincy defeated North Quincy 68-64 in overtime Feb. 9.

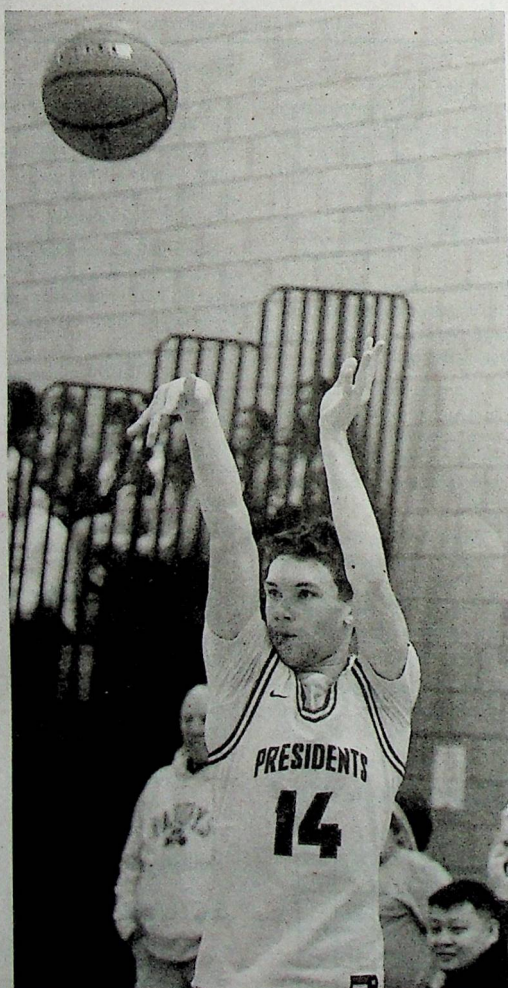
had come in overtime. The team's other two overtime wins this season were a 57-56 triumph over Hanover Dec. 19, and a 62-57 victory over Plymouth South on Jan. 26.

The Presidents host the Marshfield Rams on Thursday, Feb. 15 (6:30 p.m. start time). After that, they will play two more regular season games as a part of the Amo Tournament over February vacation.

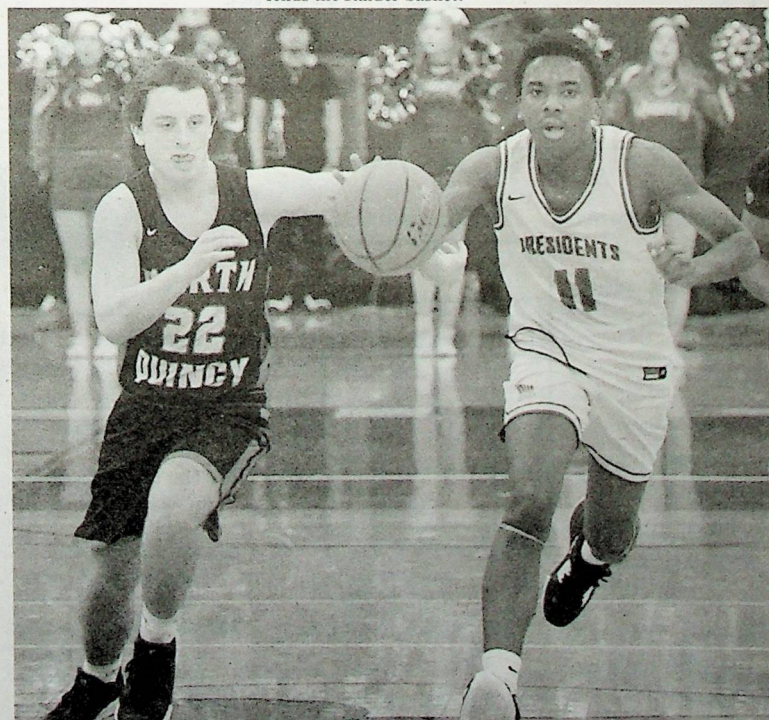
The Raiders will host the Silver Lake Lakers Thursday, Feb. 15 (6:30 p.m. start time). North Quincy will also play two more regular season games over February vacation as a part of the Abington Tournament at Abington High School. Neither team from Quincy appears likely to make it to the postseason this year.



QUINCY SENIOR center Mohamad Tarjali goes up for two points as North Quincy sophomore forward John Gnakou defends the Raider basket.



QUINCY SOPHOMORE guard Shawn Perry takes a three-pointer against North Quincy.



QUINCY SENIOR guard Danny Adams leads a Presidents' fast break as North Quincy senior guard Ben Hudach keeps pace.

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

Quincy Native Pens New Book: 'Ghosts of Ireland On A Medium's Vacation'

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Rob Gutro, a Quincy native, author and medium of best-selling true paranormal books is publishing his 11th book on Feb. 24, "Ghosts of Ireland on a Medium's Vacation."

What happens when a medium goes on vacation? Can a medium simply switch off their ability at will? Well... not exactly. Like others in his "Medium's Vacation" series, this book contains Gutro's ghostly encounters, history, his sketches of ghosts and photographs of each place. Readers will experience ghosts in prisons, castles, churches, other historic places and even a shopping mall with a tragic past.

"Cork City Gaol (jail) was the most haunted place and many prisoners still linger there as earthbound ghosts," Gutro said. He sketched out one ghost and captured a photo of a male ghost walking across a corridor that was sealed off by a glass window. "I sensed a ghost down an empty corridor in the jail so I snapped several photos one after the other, and the ghost appeared in one of the photos. That's the cover of my book."

The book is organized alphabetically by County, and crosses Ireland from Dublin in the east to Galway in the west, and south to Cork County. Within each County section are chapters of the haunted places he visited, so readers can use it as a paranormal tour book. "It's the perfect guide book for travelers who want to see Ireland, learn history and find out where ghosts still dwell and why," Gutro said.

"Ireland's rich history resulted in many ghosts who decided to stay earthbound. I also encountered an abundance of residual energy generated from battles. Everywhere I traveled, I had a paranormal experience, he said."

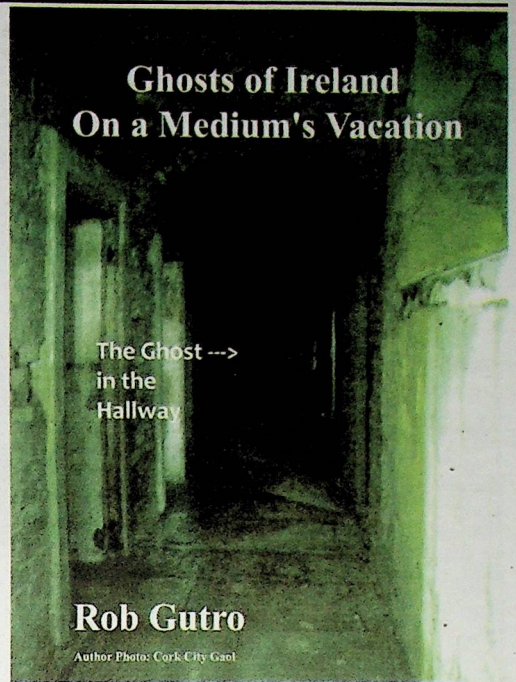
The book provides a brief history of the haunted places and can be used as a travel guide. "Knowing the history of a place is key to understanding why a ghost has decided to stay behind," Gutro said. Readers will experience haunted places like churches, castles, jails, and unexpected ghosts in an art gallery and shopping mall. "You'll also understand how the spirits of your loved ones can give you signs anywhere in the world, even on vacation."

This is the third book in his popular "Ghosts on a Medium's Vacation" series. The others include Ghosts of England on a Medium's Vacation and Ghosts of the Bird Cage Theatre on a Medium's Vacation.

Gutro also has two other series of best-selling books. One is the award-winning "Pets and the Afterlife" series, containing four books on how pets communicate from the other side. His third series is "Ghosts and Spirits" which convey his personal experiences with ghosts on paranormal investigations and spirits. He is the first in the paranormal field to make the distinction between earthbound ghosts and spirits who have crossed over.

He recently moved to southern Maine. He gives fundraising lectures for animal rescues all throughout New England. He's also teaching paranormal courses at NACE in North Berwick and for Sanford Adult Education in Maine.

He maintains a website, social media pages and a weekly blog where he writes about paranormal topics. It's where people can also share their stories or find other resources on the paranormal. He also provides readings for pets who passed for people around the world for a small fee. Details are on www.robgutro.com.



Gutro has been featured in hundreds of radio and video programs and podcasts. He was featured in the Washington Post, MSNBC, WBZ News radio Boston, "Coast to Coast AM" syndicated radio with George Noory, and many more. See his website for upcoming appearances and interviews and links to previous interviews and videos.

Rob's books are available in paperback and E-book, on Amazon.com: <https://www.amazon.com/stores/Rob-Gutro/author/B003UNTASW>.

Unique Gifts For Your Valentine

By MELINDA MYERS

Chocolates and roses are synonymous with Valentine's Day. They are always a welcome gift but maybe this is the year you decide to give your Valentine something different.

Consider an indoor plant with heart-shaped leaves or flowers. Anthuriums are an easy-to-grow long blooming indoor plant. The red, pink, or white heart-shaped flowers rise above glossy green leaves. Grow it in a brightly lit location out of direct sunlight and water when the soil is slightly dry.

Heart-shaped leaves and colorful flowers of the florist cyclamen (Cyclamen persicum) make it an excellent choice. Its pink, red, purple, or white flowers rise above variegated leaves of green and silver. It prefers cool, draft-free locations and bright indirect light. Al-

low the soil to almost dry between waterings.

Valentine hoyas, also known as Sweetheart hoyas (Hoya kerrii), is usually sold as a single rooted leaf in a small container. It eventually grows into a vining plant and requires the same care as other hoyas. Grow it in a warm location with bright indirect light and well-drained soil.

String of hearts (Ceropegia woodii) is just that, a thin vine dotted with an abundance of small heart-shaped leaves. The leaves are dark green with silver highlights adding to its appeal. Grow it in bright light with well-drained soil and water it when the soil is dry.

Beginning and experienced gardeners will appreciate a low-maintenance pothos or philodendron with heart-shaped leaves. Select one of the variegated philo-

dendron varieties like Brasil or Neon pothos with bright lime green leaves for a bit different look.

Purchase or create a heart-shaped topiary. At your favorite garden center, you'll find many ready-to-buy or all the necessary materials to plant your own.

All you need is a pot with drainage holes, a couple of vining-type plants like wire vine or English ivy, and a piece of heavy gauge wire or a pre-formed heart-shaped topiary frame.

Small-leaved ivies and wire vines are easy to train into attractive topiaries. Look for small plants with long branches for immediate impact.

Bend the wire into a heart shape with one or two legs that will extend into the container. Fill the bottom half of the container with a well-drained potting



ANTHURIUMS ARE a low-maintenance and long-blooming plant, giving your Valentine heart-shaped flowers to enjoy.
Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

mix. Set the topiary frame in place. Locate the plants in the container so the stems can be trained up either side of the heart. Cover the roots with soil and water. Secure the stems to the wireframe and add a decorative stone mulch, if desired.

If your recipient is an avid gardener, they may prefer assembling their own Valentine's topiary. Just provide all the materials and directions wrapped in pretty paper.

If you opt for fresh flowers, make sure to get the most from your floral investment. Look for the freshest flowers possible. A whiff of the water will let you know if the flowers are fresh and have been properly tended.

Look for upright and perky flowers with lots of firm buds that are just starting to open. Avoid cut flowers with drooping discolored leaves and slimy stems.

Give the recipient a packet of floral preservatives to

add to some fresh water. Encourage them to remove any lower leaves and recut the stems before placing them in a clean vase.

If the roses bend at the neck soon after purchase, there is an easy cure. Remove them from their vase, recut the stems, and submerge the whole rose - stem, leaves, flowers, and all - in a sink or tub of warm water. Leave the roses submerged for 30 minutes. Recut the stem and place it in a clean vase with fresh water and a floral preservative.

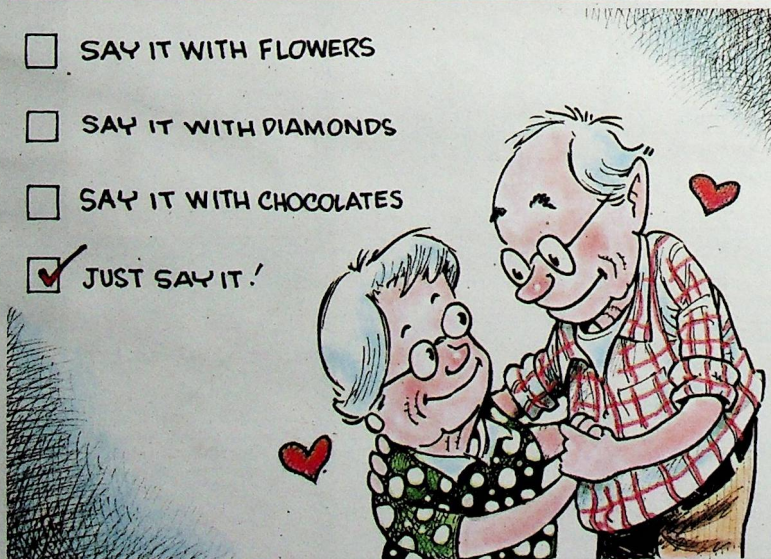
Always protect your living Valentine's gift when transporting it between the store, your home, and your Valentine. Wrap plants or cut flowers to protect them

from the weather and never leave them in a cold or hot car.

Whatever plant or flowers you select, you are sure to generate a smile and boost your Valentine's spirits this week.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Madeline Power On Dean's List At VTSU

Madeline Power of semester at Vermont State University in Randolph Center, VT. Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 1:00 ~ 7:00 P.M. FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Events take place on the Hancock-Adams Common under heated tents, and inside City Hall & Church of the Presidents.

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Event	Time	Location
 Green Screen Selfie's with US Presidents and other cool backgrounds.	Throughout the day	Game Tent
 Lollipop Lyra Combining the grace of a dancer with the athleticism of a gymnast to create a performance that is as exhilarating as it is beautiful. By Boston Circus Guild. This is a ticketed event.	3:00-3:15 p.m. 3:45-4:00 p.m. 4:30-4:45 p.m. 5:15-5:30 p.m.	Aerialist Tent
 Ice Sculptures Demonstration by Ice Man Craig	2:00-4:00 p.m.	
 Take your selfie with our Snowflake Angel and other surprise stilt walkers!	Throughout the day	
 Fire Performance Spinning flaming staffs and swords, juggling blazing torches, and plunging fiery wicks into their mouths! By Boston Circus Guild	4:15-4:30 p.m. 4:45-5:00 p.m. 5:15-5:30 p.m. 5:45-6:00 p.m. 6:15-6:30 p.m.	Hancock-Adams Common
 Juggler Known for their dexterity and their ability to bring fun, humor, and joy to audiences of all ages. By Boston Circus Guild	2:00-2:15 p.m. 2:30-2:45 p.m. 3:30-3:45 p.m. 4:00-4:15 p.m. 4:30-4:45 p.m. 5:00-5:15 p.m. 5:30-5:45 p.m.	
 The Birch Swart Band	2:00-2:30 p.m.	Performance & Food Tent
 The Birch Swart Band & Brendan Ryan Band	2:30-3:00 p.m.	
 The Brendan Ryan Band	3:00-3:30 p.m.	
 Chris LeBeau	4:00-4:30 p.m.	
 Joshua Tree The Nation's Premier Tribute to U2	5:15-6:45 p.m.	
 Dinoman Dinosaurs takes the audience on a trip with magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props through the mesozoic era! This is a ticketed event.	1:00-2:00 p.m. 2:15-3:15 p.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m. 4:45-5:45 p.m.	Church of Presidents (Main Door) Limited Seating Doors Open 15 minutes before show
 The Blue Hills Trailside Museum-Birds of Prey This is a ticketed event	1:30-2:15 p.m. 2:45-3:30 p.m. 4:00-4:45 p.m. 5:15-6:00 p.m.	Lower Level Old City Hall Doors Open 15 minutes before show
 The Blue Hills Trailside Museum-Reptiles of Massachusetts This is a ticketed event	2:00-2:45 p.m. 3:15-4:00 p.m. 4:30-5:15 p.m. 5:45-6:30 p.m.	1 Floor-Chamber Room Old City Hall Doors Open 15 minutes before show
 Pumpkin Puppets presents The Lion and the Mouse This is a ticketed event	2:00-2:45 p.m. 2:45-3:30 p.m. 4:00-4:45 p.m. 5:15-6:30 p.m.	Back Chamber Church of Presidents (Enter Side Doors) Doors Open 15 minutes before show

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